

A student being escorted out of Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas, after a counseling session to help her deal with the killings.

Deadly School Attack Stuns Arkansas City

One Suspect, 13, 'Had a Lot of Killing to Do'

By Brian Knowlton

Residents of the small Arkansas city of Jonesboro were struggling Wednes-day with the shock of the bloody ambush killings of four young students and a teacher by a 13-year-old boy and his 11-year-old cousin outside a middle

It was the fourth multiple shooting in less than six months at an American school by assailants under age 17, and provoked immediate debate about the pervasiveness of guns in American homes, the influence of violence in the mass media, and the safety of schools.

President Bill Clinton, a former arkansas governor, took time from his

Africa visit to deplore the shooting and call for an urgeot examination of ways to prevent future incidents. In the carnage reportedly provoked

by difficulties with a girlfriend, 10 other one-story scroot Tuesday after a fire alarm was sounded. Six were still bospitalized Wednesday,

one in critical condition. "I've been in this for a long time," said Sheriff Dale Haas. "This is the worst thing I have ever seen."

Amber Vanoven, an II-year-old stu-dent, said, "I saw my best friend. Nat-alie Brooks, get killed, shot in the bead

The authorities did not release the

By John F. Harris

KIGALI, Rwanda - Four years ago this spring, when Rwanda erupted in bloodshed, Clinton administration of-

ficials resisted appeals for intervention and spent weeks debating whether the

mass killings carried out by Hum ex-

tremists should properly be called a

On Wednesday, President Bill Clin-

ton came here and acknowledged that

In 90 days, as many as a million people died in what Mr. Clinton called the most

rapid "slaughter in this blood-filled cen-

tury we are about to leave." It was a

tragedy, he added, for which the United

States and other members of the inter-

national community must share blame.

"We did not act quickly enough after the killing began," Mr. Clinton said. "We did not immediately call these

crimes by their rightful name: geno-

Mr. Clinton's speech, during an emo-tionally pitched three-hour stop in the

Rwandan capital, came after he and bis

wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, listened

to a cascade of painful recollections from survivors of the campaign to ex-

There was the Catholic relief worker

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the answer should have been simple.

genocide."

Clinton Shares in Blame

For Rwandan Genocide

In Kigali, He Says World Reacted Too Slowly

friends died.

The police detained the boys, who were hunting-style camouflage clothing and carried both handguns and rifles, without resistance. They were expected to be charged with five capital counts of

But because both are under age 14, Arkansas law stipulates that they cannot be held beyond their 21st birthdays, even if found guilty of the crimes. Authorities

were examining whether federal laws with stiffer penalties might apply. The victims at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro were three 12-yearold girls, an 11-year-old girl, and a 32-

year-old English teacher who wimesses said was shot trying to shield a girl.
"We all walked outside and they started shooting," Amber Vanoven said. "I saw a teacher step in front of someone else and set shot." someone else and get shot. Jennifer Gookin, a teacher's aide,

said: "There were people lying every-where. Blood was everywhere." All the victims were females, except a

The 13-year-old boy had warned friends that be "had a lot of killing to do" because a girlfriend had dropped him, according to a classmate identified by a local newspaper as Jamie Clev-enger. Another student, Melinda Henson, said: "He told us that tomorrow you will find out if you live or die."

The school principal, Karen Curtner, said Wednesday that the two boys were

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who suffered the murder of her parents and four siblings, witnessed the rape of a friend by 10 soldiers, and saved herself

U.S. is embracing a new generation

began in April 1994, be joined about

4,000 others who fled to a local college,

confident that United Nations peace-keeping soldiers there would protect them. But when the UN troops departed, he was one of only 400 left alive after a

guo and machete rampage.
"I lost my right hand," Mr. Karasira said. "We died because we were left by

Mr. Clinton swallowed, and tensed

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of African leaders. Page 6.

the United Nations soldiers."

11 Countries Approved for Euro

In a Historic Moment for EU, Common Currency Moves Closer

By Barry James nional Herald Tribian

BRUSSELS — Crossing a historic hurdle in the construction of Europe, 11 countries were declared fit on Wednesday to join a single currency beginning next January after years of efforts to slash deficits, curb inflation and chip away at public debts.

The recommendations by both the European Union's executive body and its central bankers carried blunt warnings, however, that much work remains to be done before the European Union's andacions experiment can be assured of success. Many countries have been accused of using creative accounting to squeeze into the single currency criteria for Economic and Monetary Union.

The European Commission nonetheless said that "very positive" eco-nomic fundamentals indicated that the venture would be a success, bolding out the prospect of stable, inflation-free growth and establishing a currency to rival the U.S. dollar.

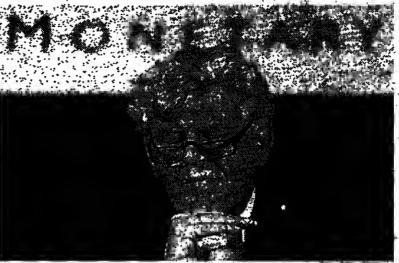
The commission recommended that Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Ire-

land, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain join the currency union. Britain and Denmark have decided not to be

among the first wave of entrants, and Greece falls short of the criteria.

Across Europe, stocks and bonds rallied strongly. Investors in Italy and Spain, which have made extraordinary efforts to catch up with their wealthier partners, saw the reports as removing any doubt that those countries will be EU officials said it was virtually a certainty that heads of government would approve the decision when they meet in Brussels on May 2, despite remaining structural weaknesses and

concerns that national economies have



Wim Duisenberg, president of the European Monetary Institute, listening to a positive report on the euro in Frankfurt on Wednesday.

The new currency, the euro, will not be an end in itself but an "instrument" to spur and sustain economic growth into the next century, the commission's president, Jacques Santer, said.

President Jacques Chirac of France voiced more ambitions hopes, saying that the single currency would allow Europe "to fight more effectively in the world in defending its interests."

That is true for all of Europe and

for France in particular," he said. He called the euro a "monetary tool" that, he said, will be "one of the

most important in the world."
In Frankfurt, the European Monetary Institute, forerunner of the central bank that will set monetary policy and exchange rates when the new currency comes into being, was more emphatic about the problems that need to be tackled to make the currency union a success, including towering public debt in Italy and Belgium.

Decisive and sustained corrective policies of a structural nature are warranted in most countries," the institute

Public debt in Germany is rising, partly as a result of the cost of reunification. But the commission said it remained close to the 60 percent ref-

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Calls for a More 'Social' Europe Put Leaders on Spot

By Alan Friedman

ROME - Even as Europe's political leaders celebrate the now inevitable selection of 11 founding members of the new single currency, they face a potentially explosive social situation that amounts to a race against the clock.

With more than 18 million people out of work in the European Union, demands are growing stronger and louder - on the shop floor, in street protests and on the political hustings — that European leaders broaden their focus beyond what critics call a "Europe of money" to include a more "social Europe."

In France, Italy and Germany, this has become a catch phrase for growing demands to set aside the fiscal austerity that has been a hallmark of the drive toward economic and monetary union and reopen the spigot of public spending and create jobs.

That will be a difficult proposition, as the new

stability pact — reinforced last weekend at a meeting of EU finance ministers in York, England - is supposed to police any potential budget profligacy well after the euro is launched in Januar

"The risks are enormous," said Ralf Dahrendorf, former head of the London School of Economics, because once everybody is inside the single currency, they will relax again, and my own view is that the stability pact will prove nonexistent." The dilemma faced by European political leaders is that the clamor for more social spending comes just as they are beginning to crowo the remarkable achievement of monetary union. Some senior European officials acknowledge in private that they fear they need to act quickly to show their concern.

"Pushing for a more social Europe," warned Horst Siebert, president of the Kiel Institute of World Economics, "could mean higher wage costs and In recent weeks the demands of the jobless bave

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Lebanese Skeptical of Israeli Offer

By John Lancaster
Washington Post Service

BEIRUT - For 20 years, successive Lebanese governments have demanded — with backing from the United Nations Security Council — that Israel withdraw its forces from Lebanon. Now Israel bas expressed its willingness to do just that and Lebanon is balking at the offer. A reasonable person might ask,

'What gives?" In his most detailed answer to date, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri sought Wednesday to explain Lebanon's response to Israel's offer to withdraw its troops from the strip of southern Lebanon it occupies as a buffer zone against guerrilla and

by hiding for several days in a neighbor's home, huddling under a chair covered by a pile of clothes. rocket attacks on northern Israel. Casting doubt on the sincerity of There was the priest who said he sometimes felt guilty about being alive when so many family members and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, Mr. Hariri said it would be "a disaster" for Lebanon to make a separate arrangement with Israel in the ab-And there was Venuste Karasira, who sence of a comprehensive Arab-Israeli told Mr. Clinton that when the killing peace settlement that includes Syria, which demands that Israel return the

strategically situated Golan Heights.
"If Israel wants to withdraw, we welcome that," Mr. Hariri told three American journalists in the living room of his private residence here. "But Israel is

asking more than that." It wants Lebanon to be accountable for the security of the northern border, he said, adding: "In our view, security cooperation among the countries con-cerned — meaning Lebanon, Israel and Syria — is possible only when we have a peace agreement."

Israel's surprise offer, which won par-tial backing Tuesday from Kofi Annau, the muscles on the side of his face. But the United Nations secretary-general,

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Kofi Annan, the UN secretary-general, donning a yarmulke Wednesday

as he visited Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

AGENDA

U.K. Spells Out Powers for London Mayor

LONDON (AP) - With big names already jostling for the job. Britain oo Wednesday spelled out wide-ranging

powers for its proposed post of Lon-don's first elected mayor. London's 5 million voters will decide in a referendum May 7 whether

they want a powerful mayor and a new

25-member city government.
The proposals will give Londoners
"a choice and a voice for London and return the capital's government to the people of London," said Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott.

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Indonesian officials said Wednesday they expected to unveil as early as next week an economic reform package that they hoped would stabilize country's currency and revive its ing banking sector through restrucings while tackling the problem of ge private-sector debt. Page 15.

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Contact Group Gives Milosevic a Month to Meet Terms

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

BONN — The United States and five European powers vowed Wednesday to cut off weapons supplies to Yugoslavia by next week and impose new economic sanctions on the nation unless President Slobodan Milosevic opens negotiations oo greater political au-

tonomy for ethnic Albanians in Kosovo Province. But the meeting fell far short of American demands to escalate pressure against Mr. Milosevic, who has shrewdly exploited persistent divisions among the group on how to deal with the Yugoslav leader, whose iomain includes Serbia and Montenegro

Struggling to defuse the latest ethnic crisis in the Balkans, foreign ministers from the six-nation Contact ation should be offered along with punitive measures. Group decided to give Mr. Milnsevic another month to meet their demands, including the full withdrawal of

Ethnic Albanians are ready to fight. Page 4. .

special police units engaged in a brutal crackdown oo ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of Kosovo's population.

Russia, a traditional ally of the Orthodox Serbs who dominate Yugoslavia and their chief weapons supplier, argued against any sanctions. Germany, France and

But the U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, warned that Mr. Milosevic was stalling until the

outside world loses interest in Kosovo, a province along the Albanian border that Serbs consider their historical heartland but which has long been populated by ethnic Albanians.

"I know it is tempting to say that positive measures will work better," Mrs. Albright said. "But our experience teaches us not to be misled by our hopes." She added, "We have to remember that progress

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UN Leader Says Israel **Undermines** Peace Drive

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Delivering what he called "the most difficult message" of his visit to Israel, the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, accused Israel on Wednesday of a chain of "provocative acts" that have contributed to a crisis in Israeli-Arab relations.

"As a friend, it gives me oo pleasure to recite a list of the grievances which the international community has against Israel," Mr. Annan said in a speech to the Israel Council on Foreign Relations.

But I think it is important for you. my Israeli friends, to try to understand that those grievances do not come out of a clear blue sky. Here is what the great

Israel offers a new plan for a West Bank withdrawal. Page 2.

majority of the member states of the United Nations say: They regard Israel as having been responsible, directly or indirectly, for provocative acts that undermine goodwill and spark hostilit-

The fundamental formula of the Oslo agreements, land for peace, was the only principle that has a chance of bringing peace to this land." Mr. Annan

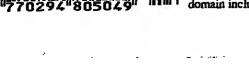
Mr. Annan issued the reproaches after first acknowledging that Israel had cause to view the United Nations with disdain after decades of lopsided resolutions and denunciations, "that Israelis see hypocrisy and double standards in the intense scrutiny given to. some of its actions while other situations fail to elicit the world's outrage. and condemnation."

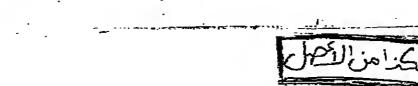
Though Mr. Annan is not the first UN secretary-general to visit Israel, he was, the first to express regret publicly before an Israeli audience for the bias the United Nations has shown against Israel, and he vowed to work for a "new era of relations between Israel and the United Nations."

But the effort at reconciliation did not blunt the stern message that Mr. Annan went on to deliver in the same soft, gentle tones. In the view of the great majority of UN members, he said, Israel disobeyed the Security Council and dodged the Oslo agreements. He listed the settlements, the hardships imposed on Palestinians by various restrictions on their movements and "other actions

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In Istanbul, the Terror of 1915 Is a Faded Memory

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

STANBUL — When the Armenian patriarch of Istanbul, Karekin II, died this month, his funeral produced a scene that some foreigners found surprising. More than 1,000 Turkish citizens of Armenian background, together with senior diplomats and government officials, crowded the stately cathedral where a Mass was celebrated in Armenian for the repose of his soul.

Although the occasion for the ceremony was sad, it served as a reminder that despite the vicissitudes of bistory, Istanbul's Armenian minority remains large and vibrant. In some parts of the world Turks and Armenians are viewed as natural enemies, but the funeral showed once again that in Istanbul, they live peacefully together.

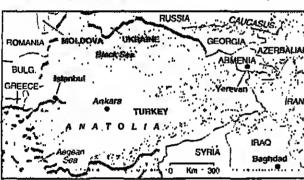
There are about 70,000 Armenians in Turkey, nearly all of them in Istanbul. They form this country's largest non-Muslim minority, maintaining 33 churches, 16 schools, several hospitals and a variety of other institutions. Largely because of religious traditions on both sides, there is little intermarriage.

'I've never had any problems, and I never felt different from any other Turkish citizen," said Ara Kocunyan, editor of the Armenian-language news-paper Jamanak, which was founded by his greatgrandfather in 1908. "Many Armenians in the diaspora bave to accentuate their ethnic identity because they're so far from the borneland. We don't have that problem. We didn't come here from somewhere else, we're from here

Relations between Turks and Armenians were good during much of the Ottoman period, but they were deeply scarred by massacres of Armenians that pro-Ottoman forces in eastern Anatolia carried out in the spring of 1915. Details of what happened then are still hotly debated, but it is clear that vast numbers of Armenians were killed or left to die during forced marches in a burst of what is now called "ethnic cleansing."

Armenian nationalists bave waged a worldwide campaign aimed at forcing Turkey to admit that the Ottoman government committed genocide in 1915. but successive Turkish leaders have refused to do so. In the 1970s the dispute became so intense that

Armenian gunmen began killing Turkish diplomats, For many Armenians in the United States and elsewbere, the nightmares of 1915 are as intensely painful as if they had happened yesterday, and Turkey remains a symbol of evil. But Armenians here have concluded that there is no point in dwelling on the unpleasant past.





States R. Winter The New York Time

The funeral of the Armenian patriarch of Istanbul briefly raised the profile of this minority, which appears to thrive despite the legacy of the 1915 massacres.

"One reason we don't talk about 1915 is that we don't know much about it," said Kirkor Dose-meciyan, an engineer and businessman. "To tell you the truth, I'm not really interested. A lot of things bappened in history, and if you want to dwell on them you don't bave time to live in the present or

URKEY'S record in dealing with minorities is decidedly mixed. Turks of Armenian background, like Kurds, Georgians and members of other minority groups, are free to rise in every field of public or private endeavor, but they are expected to consider themselves Turks first. If they insist on asserting their ethnic identity

too strongly, they risk being viewed as separatist. The Ottoman authorities who ordered the expulsion of Armenians from eastern Anatolia in 1915 did so because they believed that the Armenians had joined with Russia in a plot to sever that region from the rest of Turkey. Armenians living in Istanbul,

hundreds of miles from the killing fields, were not severely persecuted, and many were barely aware of what was happening to their cousins in the east. Although the Armenian minority in

Istanbul was largely unaffected by the events of 1915, it was severely shaken by an outburst of anti-minority rioting in

The government's reluctance to suppress those riots led many Armenians to conclude that they were no longer welcome here. Thousands left, among them many of the most successful and highly educated families. They were replaced by poorer Armenians from Anatolian villages, a process that Armenians here say has reduced their community's

Nonetheless, the Armenians are quite prosperous. Many of them own businesses, and others have become prominent university professors and per-

They've assimilated a little better than we have," said a prominent Greek resident of Istanbul who asked not to be identified, "Maybe they accept the facts more than we do. Their attitude is that life goes on. They're oot as egotistical as we are. They balance their two identities better than we do."

Armenians in Istanbul say they are sometimes insulted by Turks who associate them with policies of the Armenian government. Occasionally Turkisb officials make statements that Armenians consider offensive, such as one several years ago in which a cabinet minister described Abdullah Ocalan, leader of the Kurdish guerrilla movement and a widely reviled figure here, as 'a breed of Armenian.'

But if Armenians in Istanbul feel victimized by prejudice, they hide their feelings well. Many say that they have lived their wbole lives without a single unpleasant incident, and that they see no contradiction between being Armenian and Turkish. There is no visible trace here of the anti-Turkish sentiment that burns in some Armenian bearts, and little desire to recall the horrors of the past.

"I had a teacher who told me some things about what bappened in 1915, and I've heard my parents discuss it with their friends," said a 17-year-old high school student who studies at an Armenian school here. "I could learn more by reading books, but I don't feel ready to read those books. I am afraid they would make me lose my humanity.'

Britain Says Dissidents, Juse Pa Not IRA, Set Off Bombs

By James F. Clarity New York Times Service

BELFAST - In statements clearly intended to keep the Northern Ireland peace talks from being rendered futile, British authorities said Wednesday that they had no evidence that several recent bombings were the work of the Irish Republican Army.

But they added that three bomb blasts that did not kill anyone but which caused substantial damage were probably carried out by IRA dissident groups.

That distinction is important because if the British and Irish Republic govern-ments, sponsors of the talks, were to find that the IRA had broken its cease-fire, they would be under pressure to suspend the IRA political wing. Sinn Fein, from the negotiations for a second time.

Without Sinn Fein at the negotiating

table, the likelihood of reaching an effective peace agreement before a selfimposed deadline of April 9 would be

slight, officials and experts say.
Sinn Fein returned to the talks Monday after a suspension that began Feb. when the governments found the IRA had been involved in two murders. The party president, Gerry Adams, says that be does not know who is responsible for the recent attacks.

BAGHDAD -- Iraq will allow United

Nations arms inspectors to meet with a

top Iraqi germ warfare scientist who was

detained for trying to flee the country, an

¹If the biological team wants to meet him, it can do so, "the source said. "The right of Unscom will not be affected by

his detention." Unscom is the special

UN commission charged with disarm-

All the documents in his possession

have been handed over to the special

commission 10 days ago," the source

Unscom said Tuesday that Baghdad

had recently handed over a batch of

documents said to have been taken from Nassir Hindawi, who pioneered Iraq's

The source said that Scott Ritter, a

UN arms inspector from the United

States whom Iraq bad accused of spy-

ing, "expressed appreciation for this

step through the special commission."

The suspension of Mr. Ritter's inspec-

biological warfare program.

Iraqi source said Wednesday.

Ronnie Flanagan, the British ovince's chief of police, said Wed-sday, 'It is my belief the Province's province's chief of police, said Wednesday, "It is my belief the Provisional IRA was not involved in recent terrorist incidents."

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During Sinn Fein's suspension, car bombs wrecked the centers of two predominantly Protestant towns and mortar shells landed in a police station. And hours before Mr. Flanagan's remarks, mortar shells were fired at a police-army base at Forkhill, on the border with the

Irisb Republic.

Most Protestant unionist leaders involved in the talks say the government statements make a distinction that has no real meaning, that the IRA uses the dissident groups to continue the violence while claiming it has kept the cease-fire it called in July.

"The government is being inconsist-ent," complained Jeffrey Donaldson, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, which wants Sinn Fein expelled from the talks.

over access to Iraqi sites, including eight

presidential compounds. The crisis was

defused last month when the UN sec-

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program." Nassir Hindawi was arrested because be violated laws related to traveling abroad," the source said, "And he is accused of keeping with him documents relating to Iraq's past biological

A UN spokesman. Ewen Buchanan. M counsel Ken said the documents included many that in Monica Lewin the commission had previously known with about. It was not known whether others a Monday, Kramerton tions two months ago sparked a crisis contained any significant revelations.

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Israel Offers a New Plan for Pullout

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON --- After months of stalemate and under increasing pressure from the Clinton administration, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has sent President Bill Clinton a compromise offer on an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

While the withdrawal Mr. Netanyahu proposes is smaller than the one the United States is suggesting, it would cede more land than Israel had been willing to give up in the past. The proposal would offer the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, more adjacent land, answering a major complaint of the Palestinians, who have said Israel was offering them isolated patches of land.

Largely because of these two factors, this offer could be the basis of an eventual end to the stalemate, depending on how it is received and refined.

Washington is reserving judgment, senior American officials say. But Mr. Clinton, after a letter from Mr. Netanyahu and two long phone conver-sations with him last Thursday and Sat-urday, thought enough of the Israeli ideas to decide to send the U.S. envoy Dennis Ross back to the Middle East.

The Clinton administration had been on the verge of laying out, for the first time, a detailed U.S. proposal for an İsraeli pullout.

The plan, which calls for the Israelis to withdraw from 13.1 percent of the West Bank, was refined after a long series of oegotiations with both Israelis and Palestinians that have exasperated U.S. policymakers.

As an inducement to Mr. Arafat to accept a smaller figure - estimates range from 10.5 percent to 12 percent -Mr. Netanyahu is now talking of withdrawals from areas that will leave Mr. Arafat in charge of a more coherently formed area of land. This area would look more like an embryonic state, instead of isolated areas of self-determination, like pockmarks on the West Bank.

Israeli officials lobbied U.S. legislators and government officials, even as prominent American Jewish leaders with strong ties to the Democratic Party urged Mr. Clinton not to use "pressure tactics to try to coerce Israel into accepting" proposals that affect Israeli security, as Howard Kohr, the executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Com-

mittee, said in a speecb Tuesday. Mr. Climon had originally decided against another trip to the region by Mr. Ross, and senior State Department officials were already preparing the U.S. proposal to be laid out privately to Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat, as early as this week. The expectation was that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright would then publicly outline the proposals in a present the U.S. proposals formally in speech that already had been drafted.

Mr. Clinton had not yet approved

What bas been at issue are Israeli

going public with a speech by Mrs. Albright, senior White House officials said, stressing that the U.S. proposals were an effort to bridge the gap between Israel and the Palestinians, and were not meant as an ultimatum to either party.

"At the end of the day, our proposals can be anything the two parties can agree on," a senior administration of-

Netanyahu's proposal for a West Bank withdrawal could end the stalemate.

ficial said. "We're trying to find the bridging ground. But at some point, we'll say we've done all the listening we can and there's only so much refinement we can do, and then the parties have to decide whether to go forward or not.

Mr. Ross and his deputy, Aaron Miller, were to leave for Israel on Wednesday night. Their task is to test Mr. Netanyahu and see, as a senior administration official said, "how much of this is real and how much of this is

They must also see if Mr. Arafat can accept whatever refinements Mr. Net-anyahu may propose. Mr. Clinton has also asked King Hussein of Jordan, who was in Washington last week, to try to help convince Mr. Netanyahu of the oeed to make serious decisions now.

Mr. Clinton is not eager to get into a public fight with Mr. Netanyahu, but if this latest round of talks goes nowbere, he will be under increasing pressure to

redeployments from the West Bank originally promised under the 1993 and 1995 Oslo Accords. They were scheduled in January 1997, when Mr. Ross worked out the Hebron accords, by which Israeli troops pulled back from that city.

The first Israeli withdrawal was so small that Mr. Arafat would not accept it, and the second, due last September, has never been offered because Mr. Netanyahu says Mr. Arafat violated his commitments to combat terrorism. A third is due by mid-1998, but Mr. Netanyahu wants to skip this withdrawal and instead move into final negotiations on an overall settlement with the Palestinians.

To break this deadlock, the Americans have been suggesting a phased with-drawal over three months from 13.1 percent of the West Bank in return for specific Palestinian acts to counter terrorism and cooperate with Israeli security forces. After the last stage, final status negotiations are supposed to begin.

Mr. Netanyahu argues that 13.1 percent is too dangerons for Israel in an interim deal, and is oow offering a figure between the 9 percent he originally insisted upon and 13.1 percent.

The Palestinians and moderate Arab states like Jordan have criticized Mr. Netanyahu for seeking only to delay serious choices for peace and for trying to intimidate the Americans from exerting even moral pressure on Israel by making their proposals public. Israeli officials say they fear that if the Americans go public, it will be very difficult for Mr. Netanyahu to say no — which is why he wants to adjust the proposals

TRAVEL UPDATE

Winter Finale in Italy

ROME (AFP) - Snowstorms and strong winds paralyzed ports and dis-rupted road traffic in southern Italy for a second straight day Wednesday, and forecasters said they expected bad weather until the end of the week.

Only one ferry boat was able to leave Naples for Capri, and services to other islands were halted because of force-6 winds. Traffic was disrupted on the highway between Naples and Salemo after several trucks overturned. For the second night, it snowed in the central region of Umbria.

Big Ad on Paris Metro

PARIS (AFP) - For the first time in the history of the Paris Metro, one of its fewer than in 1996.

trains will carry an advertisement splashed along its sides, but only for two

weeks and only on one line. A train on the No. 1 line from La Defense to Chateau de Vincennes — the Metro's busiest line — will feature an end-to-end advertisement for the FNAC discount store that sells books, music and computer goods. The ad agency that clinched the deal plans a new campaign soon on the upcoming World Cup.

Worried by falling numbers of visitors, Hong Kong plans to start a \$12.8 million campaign next month to revamp the territory's image. The Hong Kong Tourist Authority bopes the worldwide campaign, called "We are Hong Kong, City of Life," will lure visitors and their cash. Arrivals in 1997 were 11 percent

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Saalbach	60	160	Good	Орел	Pedr	23/3	good string on most open pistes
S1. Anton	20	330	Good	Open	Pedr	23/3	31/32 lifts open, mostly excellent
Canada							
Lake Louise	85	150	Good	Open	Var	24/3	good overall: all 11 lits open
Whistler	60	285	Good	Ars	Var	23/3	all open, new snow upper runs
France							
Alpe d'Huaz	85	270	Fair	Open	Var	24/3	70/86 Ets open, good sking
Les Arcs	70	210	Good	Open	Perdr	24/3	71/77 lits open, great on new snow
Ауопаг	125	155	Good	Open	Perds	24/3	39/41 lits open, great skiing
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Courchevel	110	140	Good	Open	Var	23/3	68/67 lifts open, generally very good
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Courmayeur	40	140	Herd	Closed	Var	23/3	pistes hardpacked but skiing well
Livigno	40	165	Good	Art	Percir	23/3	ell lits open, plenty of good sking
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Davos	65	190	Good	Open	Pectr	23/3	everything open, excellent skiing
Klosters	45	190	Good	Open	Pwdr	25/3	28/29 lits open, excellent snow
Murren	30	60	boog	MDM.	veried	24/3	11/12 litts open, upper slopes good
Saas Fee	45	20 0	good	hand	powder	24/3	2325 filts open, good above 2500n
St. Moritz	20	80	Good	Open	Pedr	23/3	all 55 lifts open, great on new snow
Verbier	20	170	good	MOUN	varned	24/3	34/37 lifts open, good above 2200n
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Aspen	140	155	Fair	Open	heavy	19/3	all 61 trails open, generally good
Breckenridge	140	165	Good	Open	Post	19/3	all 150 trails open, good sking
Crested Butte	125	165	Fair	Open	Pded	19/3	all lits open, mild but snow ok
Mammoth	480	600	Good	Open	Pckd	8/3	all bails open, good spring sking
Park City	170	220	Fair	Open	Spring	17/3	all lits and traits open, mostly good
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WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by AccuWeather Еигоре North America Europe Asia

Very warm and manhy dry along the East Coast Friday through Sunday. Temperatures will be in the lower and middle 20s near in the middle 20s. Rain will make and cool along the West Coast Friday and Saturday, then partly sunny and cool along the West Coast Friday and Saturday. Orier on Sunday Showers and thunderstourn and the Plains, but drier by Sunday.

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House Panel Approves \$217 Billion in Transportation Spending

By Eric Pianin Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The House transportation committee has swiftly approved \$217 billion in spending for highways, bridges, mass transit sysis terms and bike paths, virtually assuring passage of

one of the biggest public works bills in history.

The House action Tuesday, coupled with earlier passage by the Senate, assures an increase in espending beyond what anyone thought possible six months ago, lawmakers said. It also marks a sub-stantial alteration in the federal government's pricorities outlined in last summer's balanced budget deal - trading various social programs for elec-

tion-year outlays on concrete and asphalt. The measure is "the most significant piece of "...transportation legislation in our country's history" since the creation of the interstate highway system in the mid-1950s, said Representative Bud Shuster, the Pennsylvania Republican who wrote the House

The proposed 42 percent increase is nearly \$30 billion more over the coming six years than allowed under the agreement and will oblige Congress to

find offsetting cuts in other government programs.

Although there are many details to be worked out between the House and Senate over such issues as the shape of the ultimate package of "pork barrel" projects requested by individual members. Congress now appears on a fast track to clear new highway legislation before a May 1 deadline.

The House was not shy about many special projects in its bill. Crafted largely by Mr. Shuster, chairman of the House Transportation and In-frastructure Committee, the bill contains nearly \$18 billion worth of projects earmarked for roughly four-fifths of all congressional districts. The 1,400 "high priority" projects — widely referred to as pork barrel spending — range from

\$100,000 to "opgrade pedestrian traffic facilities" in Bristol, Rhode Island, to \$97 million for a major demolition and reconstruction of an interstate bridge in Oklahoma. The Senate bill, by contrast,

contains only a few earmarked projects, although the ranking Democrat on the committee, praised traditionally Senate leaders wait until the conference with the House to present their lists.

Mr. Shuster's bill, called the Building Efficient

Surface Transportation and Equity Act, was approved by his committee by a vote of 69 to 0, and will be sent to the House floor next week for almost certain passage before Congress departs for the April recess.

Lawmakers viewed the bill as a major triumph for Mr. Shuster, a 13-term veteran who has waged a crusade to shake loose hillions more from the federal highway trust funds to fix or widen crumbling highways and bridges and spur economic development.

"Shuster knows how to work the system," said a Republican member of the committee, Representative Ray LaHood of Illinois. "He's at the pinnacle of his power right oow. And I think he goes into the conference with the Senate with an awful lot of clout and influence."

leadership resistance and dubbed the bill the "Bud E. Shuster Transportation for All Eternity Act."

But some Senate and House Republicans complained that adding so much in pork barrel spending sends the wrong signal. Representative Steve Largent, Republican of Oklahoma, contended that Mr. Shuster was using the earmarked projects to "buy votes" for his bill.

"It stinks," Mr. Largent said. Mr. Shuster de-

fended the practice, saying that all the projects had been carefully vetted and that there was nothing wrong with Congress' earmarking 5 percent of the

overall spending.

At the heart of the plan is the requirement that future federal gas tax revenues be used exclusively for highway spending and not for other types of spending or for offsetting the deficit. Mr. Shuster and his allies have fought for years to move the trust fund "off bodget" and hence oot of bounds Representative James Oberstar of Minnesota, for other kinds of spending or deficit reduction.

A Not-So-Great Lake For Senator Leahy

WASHINGTON - Whoops! Lake Champlain may not be not a Great Lake after all. The Senate has now revoked that status, and the House is expected to do the same next week.

Congress recently voted to confor the lofty Great Lake status on the relatively diminutive lake that laps at the shores of Vermont and New York. President Bill Clinton went along with it to direct some federal research dollars to the home state of Senator Patrick Leahy. Democrat of Vermont.

Congress said Tuesday that it was all a mistake, although not in so

many words.

Lake Champlain will now revert to non-Great status, and North America will go back to having just five Great Lakes. But Vermont will still be able to compete for the research money that Great Lake states are eligible for under a national sea-grant program. (NYT)

Overhaul of the IRS Is a Taxing Affair

WASHINGTON -William Roth Jr., Republican of Delaware, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has unveiled a far-reaching plan to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service that goes considerably beyond a measure passed by the House and

that nearly triples its cost.

The proposal, which could cost as much as \$20 billion over the next. 10 years, would reorganize the IRS's management, strengthen tax-payer rights in dealing with the agency, make it easier for "innocent spouses" to escape liability for tax debts incurred by their spouses or ex-spouses, and ease penalties and interest oow assessed against individuals who owe back taxes.

Some senators have already protested that finding oew sources of revenue to pay for the reforms would amount to raising taxes to give taxpayers more rights. (WP)

Quote/Unquote:

Representative John Conyers, Democrat of Michigan, who is hlack and who is chief author of a bill passed by the House requiring the Justice Department to determine the racial breakdown for routine traffic stops by state and local police: "There are very few of us in this country who have oot been stopped at one time for an alleged traffic violation that we thought constituted really simple

Lewinsky's Mother **Told She Must Testify**

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, failed Wednesday to persuade a jodge to excuse her from further questioning by a federal grand jury investigating allegations of a presidential affair and cover-up. "Unfortunately, nothing changed," said Ms. Lewis's lawyer, Billy Martin. "She remains a witness before the

Mr. Martin declined to give details of the two-hour closed hearing before Judge Norma Holloway Johnson of U.S.

A psychiatrist, Dr. Neil Blumberg, was called into the hearing for Ms. Lewis, but said afterward that the judge would not allow him to make any comment. Last month, Ms. Lewis was distraught when she left the courthouse after a second day of questioning about allegations her daughter and the president had an affair and tried to cover it up Mr. Martin said Ms. Lewis would make a statement after

completing her testimony.

"She would like me to note that in her love and support of her daughter Monica, she would look forward to making a statement that explains her view in this matter," he said.

Prosecutors working for the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, are trying to learn whether Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, had an affair with President Clinton and whether they tried to keep it secret. They have been seeking to identify friends and associates in whom Ms. Lewinsky may have confided her relationship with the



Mr. Clinton has denied having any sexual relationship Marcia Lewis and her lawyer, Billy Martin, arriving

Subpoenaed: Intern's Taste in Literature

pendent counsel Kenneth Starr interested in Monica Lewinsky's taste in

On Monday: Kramerbooks & Afterwords was ordered to turn over re-

Washington Post Service

"We are cooperating," said Carol

Word of the subpoena outraged Ms.

WASHINGTON — Is the single- 'O'Riordan, 'Kramerbooks' attorney, Lewinsky's lawyer, William Cinsout "a response that is not unduly burdensome to a small company.

One of several books Ms. Lewinsky bought there is "Vox." Nicholson cords of Ms. Lewinsky's purchases at a Baker's 1992 novel of yuppie phone Washingtoo bookstore before she be- sex between a man in a Western city

adding that they were trying to work burg, who offered up a few literary rences of his own

This is 'Animal Farm.' This is 'Brave New World.'" he said. "My God, they've got the government in our

Mr. Starr's spokeswoman, Deborah

As Marriage Rates Fall, **Black Women Despair**

Where Are the Successful, Educated Men?

By Richard Morin Washington Poet Service

WASHINGTON - Listen carefully to what black men and women say privately about each other, says a Harvard sociologist, Orlando Patterson.
"But you won't like some of what you he cautions.

Mr. Patterson has been listening to black men and women for nearly four decades. And today, Mr. Patterson, there is a "crisis" in relations between black men and women.

As marriage rates among blacks plummet, Mr. Pattersoo says he is hearing increased numbers of educated, middle-class black women speak in tones of resignation or desperatioo about the scarcity of similarly accomplished black men.

"It is a crisis," agreed M. Belinda Tucker, a UCLA professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral science and au-thor of a recent book titled "The Decline in Marriage Among African-Americans.'

But it is a crisis set in the context of a larger crisis: the cootinning vulnerability of the black male in this society," she said, noting the high umemployment rates of young black men.

Other experts, however, say the pic-ture is oot entirely bleak. Millions of black women and men, regardless of their social or economic class; enjoy healthy relationships with the opposite sex. Millions are happily married or happily single.

Nor are problems unique to blacks. Ms. Tucker and Mr. Pattersoo say relations between white men and women may become increasingly strained for

For instance, in 1910, the government reported that a majority of black women worked outside the home; white women passed that milestooe only in the past 20 years, census statistics show. With work inevitably comes increased tensions at home as men and women struggle to adjust to new roles and responsibilities, Ms. Tucker said.

Census figures also reveal that the number of unmarried black women who gave birth fell by 5 percent between 1990 and 1994, while the percentage of out-of-wedlock births to white women increased by 23 percent during the same

In the past four decades, a social and economic revolution has transformed traditional patterns of matriage and family among both whites and blacks. Still, Ms. Tucker said, the changes are

greater among blacks.

From 1950 to 1995, the percentage of black women 14 or older who were married fell from 62 percent to under 38 percent. Fifty-nine percent of all white women are married, down from 66 per-cent in 1950. Data collected by census researchers also suggest that fewer than 75 percent of hlack women can expect to marry sometime in their lives, com-

pared with 90 percent of white women. Gail Dean, 38, of Indianola, Mississippi, is a college-educated social worker who makes a comfortable living. She has never married, and doubts she ever will.

Black men are intimidated by successful women," said Ms. Dean. "I own my own home, I'm independent, and I meet guys who are intimidated by that - they feel they're not the man if

Complaints Greet U.S. Policy Change on Testing of New Passenger Jets

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Federal Aviation Administration plans to certify three new jets for service without the traditional test of a passenger escape, opting instead to rely on partial tests and an anecdotal analysis conducted by the aircraft

The policy change, which would eliminate the usual practice of sending mock passengers out emergency exits and down evacuation slides, prompted an aviation watchdog group and the world's largest union of flight attendants to assert that passenger safety was being jeop-

Bot the FAA argues that in both cases, a wealth of full-scale evacuation data are available to support its new position. In many cases in

which passengers survive an airliner accident, they die from smoke, fire or water because they are incapacitated or cannot leave the plane quickly enough.

'Certifying new jumbo airliners without emergency evacuation testing is like launching hundreds of potential Titanics," Paul Hudson, executive director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project, said Tuesday.

Chris Witkowski, spokesman for the 42,000-member Association of Flight Attendants, added: "If you doo't do the drill when you have a new aircraft, you don't really know how the passenger flow and passenger management will work until you do have a real accident or the oeed for a real evacuation. At that time, it's too

The policy change applies to the Boeing 777-300 series, an elongated version of the company's newest jumbo jet, and stretch versions of the Airbus A330/340. The A330 has two engines; the A340, four.

In the case of the 777-300, the fuselage will be stretched to increase the passenger capacity from 440 people to 550. Another pair of emergency exits will also be added.

Airbus is going to lengthen the A330/340 aircraft to increase its capacity from 361 passengers to 440. The European plan maker will not, however, add any new emergency exits to either plane; instead, it will increase the size of an existing pair of exits.

"In both these cases, a wealth of full-scale evacuation data are available to support analysis

and the FAA is confident that the use of analysis is well within the intent of the regulation." Ronald Wojnar, the FAA's air certification manager, said in a ootice March 6. That was a day before Boeing conducted a partial safety test on

Therefore, in accordance with the regulation, cooduct of additional full-scale evacuation demonstrations is not required to demonstrate compliance, if a satisfactory analysis is pro-

duced," Mr. Wojnar wrote. The previous regulation stated that an aircraft maker could not receive certification for a new aircraft or one with a "major change" without showing that passengers and the flight crew could exit the plane within 90 seconds using only half the available exits.

Manufacturers contend that the tests are costly and dangerous. They also say that with stretch models, the same information about passenger safety can be gleaned by extrapolating from partial tests and data gathered from tests of the initial aircraft.

While the new policy applies only to the three models listed in the order, the FAA is accepting comment until April 6 about whether it should use a similar policy for other stretch aircraft

Kirsti Dunn, a spokeswoman for Boeing could not say if the company had requested the policy change or whether it had been timed to allow the partial test a day later. A spokesman for Airbus did not respond to a call seeking com-

AMERICAN TOPICS

Activists Fight Statue of Queen In Her Namesake Burough

At the Tallix Foundry in the apstate New York town of Beacon, bronze is being oured for a 50-foot sculpture of Queen Catherine, the 17th century Portuguese princess who became an English ruler. Whether the statue, once completed, ever makes it to its intended destination — the New York City borough of Queens, which was named for Catherine — is unclear.

A small group of activists opposes the statue, arguing that Catherine profited from the slave trade and that in any case it is inappropriate for any monarch to grace the skyline of New York. Historians dismiss the idea that Catherine, who married King Charles II of England at age 24, was linked to slavery, The Sun of Baltimore reports. A pro-Catherine activist, John Noonan, argues, "If they stop Catherine, no statue will ever be erected again from

that period in New York City." For all the divisiveness, the statue originated as a "feel good" project. Edward Koch, then New York mayor, traveled to Portugal to tell his Lisbon counterpart that a Portuguese princess had inspired Queens. The Portuguese government and private individuals donated \$3 million for the statue part of a campaign to raise the borough's profile — and a smaller replica to be placed along the Taugus River in Lisbon.

Catherine returned to Portugal after Charles's death in 1685. Though Poringuese ships carried more slaves across the Atlantic than those of any other nation, historians say that Catherine's wealth came from excise taxes and rent on government land. She left most of her fortune to charitable causes, including the freeing

Short Takes

No time to make it to the psychologist's office? A new dial-a-shrink service aims to fill the needs of many overstressed Americans. The Psychology Network, a 1-800 phone line launched last month, has 70 psychologists on-call in several states, The Miami Herald reports.

New American Psychological Association guidelines say phone counseling has its place, so long as confidentiality is main-tained and callers have realistic expectations. Users should not expect help with long-standing disorders or dependencies, for example. Nor does toll free counseling come cheap. For a 50-minute session, the Florida-based service charges close to \$200 an hour, or twice what a patient would

pay in a Florida psychologist's office. Trendy cafes aside, the share of Americans drinking coffee has fallen to its lowest level in nearly 50 years, to 47.2 percent early this year from 48.6 percent last year, the National Coffee Association said. One key factor: surging coffee prices, which reached a 20-year high last year.

The Burilington, North Carolina, police are hot on the trail of a nasty group of scofflaws: library patrons with overdue books. The city library asked the police to arrest more than 60 people as felons for failing to return materials. At least 35 have been arrested, including six juveniles. The district attorney has said be will prosecute. Those arrested face court costs of at least \$80 and could spend time in jail, though the police say that is unlikely. Despite protests, the library defends the approach. It has recovered more than \$50,000 worth of missing materials, half the total,

Brian Knowlton

Green Cards Delayed by Glitch **Away From Politics**

• Lime Village, Alaska, just entered the modern era with the inauguration of a small electric power plant that for the first time allowed the 50 residents to give up their candles, lanterns and small

about 200 miles east of An- Calling him a "dangerous monster," a judge sentenced John Royster Jr. to life in prison without parole for an eight-day rape, rohbery and murder spree in June 1996. The 23-year-old had refused

to apologize to his victims or their families. (AP)

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· Medical marijuana advocates prayed, marched and rallied in central San Francisco in support of Califor-nia's cannabis clubs as the federal government asked a U.S. district court judge to shut them down. The 200 protesters cheered the district attorney, Terence Hallinan. who has vowed that the city will supply medical mariju-ana to patients if its clubs are

• A Princeton, Texas high school student slashed three teachers with a razor hlade when they tried to stop the 16year-old from harming him-self.

NEW YORK — The U.S. government has delayed issuing 78,000 residency permits for immigrants because a new machine designed to produce fraud-proof green cards has been dysfunctional since it was installed last summer.

Spokesmen said the Immigration and Naturalization Service was only working out bugs as it starts using sophisticated technology to produce green cards that contain digital fingerprints and high quality photographs. The cards, which confer permanent legal residency, are a precious commodity, representing the fort formal start toward becoming an America. houses are served yet by the resenting the first formal step toward becoming an American. buried cables in the town

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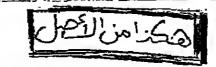
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Washington, in Dark on Details, Is Worried

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

LONDON — In a move that could threaten the delicate peace in the Balkans, Russia has agreed in principle to sell Yugoslavia tanks, attack helicopters, ground-to-air missiles, MiG-29s and spare parts, U.S. officials report.

The deal, which was arranged in Moscow in December, has not been made public, and American officials say they are in the dark about the details, including the quantity of weapons and how many have already been delivered.

The Russian weapons will put Yngoslavia in violation of the Dayton agreement, which ended the fighting in Bosnia, an official of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said. The organization, which monitors compliance with limits set on weapons in the Balkans, had not been told about the Russian deal, the official said.

American officials would talk about the deal only on the condition that they not be identified, because President Bill Clinton's administration has sought 10 keep it from becoming a public issue. A State Department official said Tuesday that the administration bad formally objected to the deal in meetings with Russian officials, but burnan-rights advocates say that was not enough.

"Military goods should not be transferred to a government implicated in war crimes, said Fred Abrahams, an associate at Human Rights Watch in New York, referring to the government - of the Yugoslav president, Slobodan

Mr. Abrahams added that there was 'strong evidence that attack helicopters had been used indiscriminately against civilians during the recent demonstrations in Kosovo.

Shortly before the turmoil in Kosovo. the Yugoslav government received two Russian-made attack helicopters, a U.S. official said.

It was because of Mr. Milosevic's actions against the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo that the United States, Britain and other powers imposed an arms em-

bargo on Yugoslavia on March 9. Russia did not oppose the arms embargo, but in recent days it has indicated

that it would do so now. The 1995 Dayton accords set limits on the number of weapons, including tanks, helicopters and combat aircraft, that the governments in the region can have. Yugoslavia is at the limit in all categories except artillery, an official of the Organization for Security and Co-

operation in Europe said. American officials fear that excess weapons will be transferred to the Bosnian Serbs or to a country such as Libya, which Mr. Milosevic has sold to in the past.

Mr. Clinton's administration, however, is on somewhat shaky ground in opposing the deal, several U.S. officials said, because it is upgrading the weapons of the predominantly Muslim Bosnian Army.

It is not clear how Yugoslavia, with its bankrupt economy, will pay for weapons from Russia. But back in the days of the Soviet Union, Moscow ran up a debt of \$1.5 billion to the former Yugoslavia, primarily for agricultural goods, steel and clothing.

American officials are greatly con-cerned that Mr. Milosevic may be planning to draw on this debt to pay for the weapons, because the debt is owed not only to Mr. Milosevic's state but to other countries of the former Yugoslavia as well.



U.S. Marines who landed in Ploce, Croatia, waiting Wednesday to be flown to Bosnia for a NATO exercise.

Winds of War Blow Stronger Day by Day in Kosovo

By Lee Hockstader . Nashington Post Service

LIKOVC, Yugoslavia — In the rugged hills and placid-looking villages of Kosovo, tough ethnic Albanian independence fighters of the Kosovo Lib-

eration Army are nervous and expecting the worst.

The latest Balkan war is gathering day by day in Likovc, a tiny hill village about 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Pristina, the provincial capital. Armed with automatic weapons, dressed in good uniforms and boots, and equipped with sophisticated walkietalkies, the guerrillas appear well trained, determined and ready for a fight.

"They can't even take a step forward," said a bearded young fighter with an AK-47 assault rifle across his lap, speaking of the Serbian paramilitary forces who oppose them. "We're not afraid. We'll risk our lives to defend our land."

They may bave to. Just a few kilometers away, Serbia's paramilitary forces are dug in behind sandbags and armored personnel carriers. Despite international demands made more than two weeks ago, the Serbian troops have not withdrawn from Kosovo, and there are signs they may be preparing for a new onslaught. Firefights between the Albanian guerrillas and the

Serbian troops break out nearly every night and some days here in Kosovo's ethnic Albanian heartland, known as Drenica, which forms a triangle west of Pristina, Most women and children have left for villages farther from the action.

The guerrillas fire assault rifles and, according to witnesses, heavier weapons as well. The Serbian para-

military forces respond with higger weapons - antiaircraft cannons and mortars. Repeatedly, the Albanians say, the Serbian troops have tried to advance into the hills. But the roads and the terrain are very rough - and so, they say, is the resistance.

The guerrillas' numbers are unknown, but educated guesses do not exceed the hundreds. At least some were trained in the old Yugoslav Army. Although limited, their firepower is multiplied by villagers with

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less training and no uniforms but equal determi-

This is the center" of resistance, said a man in his 20s who spoke broken English and described himself as a literature student at Pristina University. He was seated with three fighters in a café in Likovc. "The Serb force can come only by the skies and by tank and only with blood. He must kill us to come here."

Still, the guerrillas are nervous. When three American journalists arrived to speak to them, they said they believed reporters were working for Serbian intelligence. They demanded to inspect the visitors' sunglasses, suspecting they hid tiny cameras. And they gave only a handful of terse answers before asking the Americans to leave.

Kosovo's majority ethnic Albanian population has bristled under Serbian domination for much of this century. Tito, the dominant figure of postwar Yugoslavia, granted the province antonomy, but after Tito's death Slobodan Milosevic, now Yugoslavia's president, reincorporated it into Serbia in 1989. Serbs consider the province the cradle of their civilization.

Today, 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people are Albanian. Yet the 10 percent or so who are Serbs dominate them so thoroughly - politically, economically and in all institutions of state — that the arrangement has been likened to apartheid.

Since 1992, Kosovo's Albanians have been led by Ibrahim Rugova. Although revered by most of Kosovo's Albanians, Mr. Rugova bas followed a policy of passive resistance to Serbian rule that has rielded few results. Some Albanians, enraged by what burnan rights groups describe as brutal Serbian repression, have taken up arms.

"It is very dangerous right now," said Mahmut Bakalli, a former Communist Party leader of Kosovo in the days before the Yngoslav Federation splintered, leaving only Serbia and a much smaller republic, Montenegro. "We need quick and decisive international measures. I'm afraid any delay or confusion will produce a wider conflict or even a war.

Serbian officials agreed the conflict was likely to spread, "There are a lot of terrorists" at large, said eliko Odalovic, the Serbian government's chief administrator in Kosovo, including some he described as having been "marked" by the authorities. He vowed last week that "adequate measures" would be applied at the first opportunity.

European reluctance to embrace the

unyielding U.S. approach to dealing with Mr. Milosevic. After a toceting

with the Yugoslav leader last week, Foreign Ministers Klaus Kinkel of

Germany and Hubert Vedrine of

France expressed satisfaction with

Belgrade's progress in meeting the

European diplomats pointed to

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insisted that no false claims should

be made about EMU," he said.

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"If one wants to take a more gloomy view," he added, "one could say that a larger homogenous currency area will increase com-

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The answer, say economists such

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Crystal Ball Sort of Cloudy After To After Yeltsin's Shake-Up

By Daniel Williams

MOSCOW - It is indicative of the uncertainty surrounding Russia's government crisis that eager reporters here even flocked to a fortune teller in hopes of learning what will happen next.

photos on secondary Unfortunately for the crowd gathered at the Central House of Journalists, the seer, Raisa Sumerina, who reportedly predicted Monday's downfall of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, was unable to satisfy.

The best she could do was offer the reporters a potion to care high blood

Two days after president Boris Yeltsin fired the entire cabinet, Russian politics are in a strange limbo. The acting prime minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, is walking and talking like a prime minister, but has not been named Mr. Chernomyrdin's

permanent replacement.

He is drawing up a list of nominations for a new cabinet, but has made no This looks like a war. names public. Parliament members are making noise about rejecting him be-cause of his inexperience.

Mr. Yeltsin is silent on the matter. He

was at his country dacha, a retreat where he has spent all hut a few hours during the last two weeks — first, convalescing from a respiratory infection and then, this week, to prepare for a meeting with the leaders of France and Germany.

In between, he came to Moscow only to dismiss the government and to ask Mr. Kiriyenko to form a new cabinet. The backward nature of the process

having Mr. Kiriyenko nominate a government before be himself is nominated permanent prime minister — bas drawn quizzical commentary from Russian observers.

The Nezavisimaya Gazeta newspa-

The most common explanation was the usual one that holds in Russian politics: Mr. Yeltsin keeps control by keeping everyone off balance.

In any case, Mr. Kiriyenko, 35, has begun to reveal his priorities if not his choice of personnel. In between consultations with legislators and other political leaders, he said that he wants to fulfill three main tasks at the outset: pay back wages to state workers, fend off negative effects of falling prices for oil. one of the country's main exports, and prepare for possible spring flooding.

BONN - The Social Democrats' candidate for chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, said Wednesday that the Greens party should stop talking "nonsense" if it wants to be part of a future German gov-

Mr. Schroeder and other Social Democratic leaders said the Greens had showed they were incapable of governing with their unpopular de-mands to disband NATO, triple oil

stein, where they dropped 3.5 points, to 6.8 percent of the vote. (Reuters)

Papon's Wife Dies

BORDEAUX -- The judge in the trial of Maurice Papon, the accused Nazi collaborator, adjourned the proceedings Wednesday for five days after the death of the defendant's wife.

dict in the trial was expected next Wednesday night.

The presiding jndge, Jean-Louis Castagnede, adjourned the trial after Paulette Papon, 88, died of cancer after a series of subseque bome in Gretz-Armainvilliers, a bome in Gretz-Armainvilliers, a suburb east of Paris. (Reuters)

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Mr. Papon's lawyers said a ver-

Papal-Polish Treaty

and Poland ratified a long-awaited treaty on Wednesday governing re-lations between Pope John Paul II's homeland and the Holy See.

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nas only come ab

tained pressure." In settling for what U.S. officials called the "leastreommon denominator" that reaffirmed earlier decisions by the group, Mrs. Albright acknowledged that such minimal decisions need to be carried out or

the group will lose its credibility.

"If he has his way," she said,
"be will do as little as possible to
meet our concerns, and then only under pressure and at the last minute. Incentives lend to be pocketed; warnings tend not to be believed. How should we respond to

all this bobbing and weaving?" At a meeting in London on March 9, the six nations agreed to

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begun to shape the politics of con-tinental Europe's three biggest

. In Italy, tens of thousands of

people marched through Milan,

Naples and Palermo last weekend,

demanding government action on jobs. Trade union leaders who had

been threatening a general strike were placated Tuesday with the

promise of \$11 billion of special

incenoves for job creation in the depressed South, although the government said the outlay would have no effect on its fiscal rigor. Despite

bowls of protest from employers,

the far-left Refounded Communists

were rewarded this week with leg-

islation that would cut the work-

In France, the Socialist-led

government has introduced legis-

lation mandating a 35-bour work-

week and answered protests by the

unemployed this year by agreeing to

increase spending on unemploy-ment benefits. The Socialists did

well in regional elections this month

- but so did the far-right National

Front, which has played on social

fears and a rejection of a more in-

• In Germany, which like Italy

regional electoral victories. The party's candidate for chancellor,

Gerhard Schroeder, is advancing

on Chancellor Helmut Kohl in

opinion polls, and trade unions are

symptomatic of a groundswell of social concern, Mr. Dahrendorf

"These developments are very

demanding more action on jobs.

Social Democrats are also scoring criteria.

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crackdown and an end to export Primakov, threatened to the last arms embargo was compounded by credits to Belgrade.

again in four weeks to assess whether Mr. Milosevic has complied with the demands. If he does not meet the lated and press ahead with stiffer deadline, Mrs. Albright said the group would move immediately to impose new sanctions, such as a freeze on Yugoslav assets abroad and a ban on foreign investment in embargo by March 31. Serbia and Montenegro.

Russia has blocked progress on the UN arms embargo resolution amid reports it is ready to resume large-scale weapons deliveries to Yugoslavia, including the sale of the kinds of tanks and belicopters that

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on the euro, which is a rather ab-

stract concentration on money, the

more they find they have to take care of the people themselves."

In another sign of the race by European politicians to address

growing social concerns, the French

government approved legislation Wednesday that would allocate 38.2 billion francs (\$6.24 billion) to

new programs that would belp the

The pressure is growing across

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erence value and was expected to

even more of the belt-tightening

The institute said Europe needed

"The adjustments seen over the

Stock prices rose by 3 percent in

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Italy, by 2 percent in France and Spain and by 1 percent in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

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minntes to renounce the decisions The Contact Group will meet made Wednesday, relenting only sanctions. At a news conference, Mr. Primakov said Moscow would try to reach agreement with the others on the terms of an arms

not be one-sided, calling for a ban on weapons crossing the mountainous Albanian frontier to ethnic separatists who have been fighting to liberate Kosovo from Serbian rule.

Contact Group's demands and suggested that a policy of incentives But be insisted that the measure should be blended with sanctions. an accord reached this week, for instance, that grants Albanian students in Kosovo the right to resume studying in their own language as

He also said that if the Scrbs consider a comprehensive arms have been used in the suppression. were expected to open political au- progress is being achieved toward a embargo against Yugoslavia, a ban At least 80 ethnic Albanians have tonomy talks, the separatists must political resolution of the crisis.

LABOR: Push for More 'Social' Europe Along With Euro Challenges Leaders

poliocal needs that are overriding, and it could all begin to unravel." "In Germany," said Ursula weeks, including Hans Tietmeyer Engelen-Kefer, vice president of the Bundesbank and Wim Duisthe DGB trade union, "the people enberg, head of the European Mon-Dominique Moisi, deputy direcare very skeptical about the Europe ior of the French Institute for Inof money. People see what bap-pened so far, and they don't see the ternational Relations, said the message from demonstrators is increasingly that "the euro can benefits for the future. If you have only a monetary union and no har- help unemployment or the welfare Mr. Moisi said leaders across monization of employment and so-Europe face "a balancing act" becial policies, il can become dancause "the more they concentrate

George Soros, the international financier, warned, "In conditions of common currency but not appropriate institutions, you could have certain countries or regions that are plunged into distress conditions. There could be a rebellion against a regime imposed from above and

which is too painful to tolerate.' Mr. Dahrendorf said that "European toonetary union as such has no socially beneficial consequences."

"I have seen a number of central riously," Mr. Walter said, "they bank governors in the last few are adding to their problems."

EMU: In a Historic Moment, 11 Countries Win Approval "With the exception of unem- forecast, indicating across-theployment, there really have been board growth in gross domestic few moments in recent decades that

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India Sifts Ruins After Tornadoes

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI - Rescue workers searched hundreds of shattered buts in eastern India on Wednesday for survivors after tornadoes left at least 145 people dead — including 40 schoolchildren — and 3,000 injured.

As many as 500 people were believed to be trapped under the debris of collapsed houses, the Press Trust of India news

The agency, reporting from an emergeacy center in Mid-napore, the hardest-hit district, said 145 bodies had been recovered by Wednesday afternoon.

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House of learner The main storm Tuesday devastated several villages in the district, in West Bengal state, then spun off another tornado that tore through villages in neighboring Orissa state, according to the meteorological department. The area is 1,200 kilometers (750 miles) east of New Delhi.

R. Deb, a government official in Midnapore, said the death toll would probably rise as workers combed through the debris of hundreds of mud and thatched huts. The tornadoes flattened thousands of homes and left more

than 10,000 people homeless, PTI said, quoting state police Among the dead were 40 children crusbed when a school

building being used as a shelter collapsed in Balasore district in Orissa, it reported. Ten people were killed when the boat they were traveling in was lifted into the air and smashed against the banks of a

Fifty passengers of a bas were injured when strong winds blew it into a nearby canal. Villagers cut open the doors of the

"This looks like a war zone to me," Mr. Deb said.



A West Bengal mother and son at home Wednesday.

U.S. Troop Aid to Jakarta Questioned

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Indonesia's best-known opposition leader has ehal-lenged President Bill Clinton to explain why U.S. special-operations soldiers are training members of the Indonesian mil-

itary.
"Who, in the view of the U.S. government, is the larget or enemy for this specialized training?" asked Megawan Sukamoputri in a letter on March 18 to Mr. Clinton. Noting that her country faces no foreign threat, she suggested that the troops' real targets were indonesians protesting against their gov-

The United States has been training Indonesian soldiers despite a 1992 con-gressional ban intended to end the instruction. Under a little-known \$10 million Pentagon program called Joint Combined Exchange and Training, U.S. Special Forces teach the Indonesians skills that include psychological warfare and urban combat techniques.

"The U.S. military is providing training in lethal methods of social control at a time when the Indonesian people are trying to build a more democratic syssaid the letter, a copy of which was given to The New York Times.

'It is the explicit policy of the Indonesia security forces to meet peaceful and unarmed demonstrators with force

and thus military training from the U.S. directly undermines the democrat-

ic movement in Indonesia. Indonesia's military has ordered its troops to police recent political protests

against the Indonesian government. Pentagon officials say the commando training increases the United States' ability to influence the Indonesian troops' respect for human rights. Mrs. Megawan's letter questioned that ar-

"In light of the U.S. government's stated support for democracy around the world, I respectfully request an expla-nation of this secret training program that contradicts this noble foreign policy goal," her letter concluded.

The Indonesian military is seen by many members of the government and some of the people as the most stable institution in a nation whipsawed by political corruption, skyrocketing inflation and social unrest.

But the military bas been accused of a long series of abuses, including the disappearances of poliocal opponents, and it engineered Mrs. Megawati's ouster as chairman of one of the nation's three sanctioned political parties in 1996.

Mrs. Megawao, the daughter of the former Indonesian ruler Sukarno, has become the leading symbol of dissent against the 32-year reign of President

Congress cut off funds that went to

Indonesia, under a program called In-ternacional Military Educacion and Training, in 1992, after Indonesian troops massacred more than 270 ci-

vilians on the island of East Timor. But the Pentagon continued its instruction in Indonesia under the Joint

Combined Exchange and Training pro-

■ Protest Turns Violent

An anti-government demonstration by about 1,000 students turned violent Wednesday, leaving at least 10 security personnel and 39 protesters injured, according 10 witnesses quoted by The Associated Press.

About 300 police officers and soldiers used sticks and clubs to beat back groups of rock-throwing students who tried to stage an illegal street march from the state-run March 11 University in Solo, 400 kilometers (250 miles) east of Jakarta.

Solo's police chief, Lieutenant Colone! Imam Suwangsa, said that 10 of-ficers were injured by stones.

Witnesses said that security personnel fired at least three volleys of tear gas at the crowd, but the police denied

It was the most violent clash so far in a series of student protests against the government of President Suharto, who is battling Indonesia's worst economie

Factional Fighting Pins Down Karachi

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches

huses on fire Wednesday, largest city in a protest over

- 7 272 A All day, activists from the keep their shops closed.

faction, led by its exiled leader, Altaf Hussein, and a smaller group began Monday when gunmen attacked the office of the smaller faction and killed three workers.

shooting that terrorized the eastern district of Karachi. Bands of heavily armed ac-tivists from both sides ran through the streets choosing

A strike also disrupted life Two days of violent in Hyderabad, 160 kilometers clashes between rival factions (100 miles) northeast of here,

> change halted trading three hours early because of thin attendance, brokers said.

BRIEFLY

Brunei Prays for End to Fires

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunci - The govemment closed schools Wednesday for two weeks, and Sultan Mnda Hassanal Bolkiah led mass prayers for rain to put out forest fires in Indonesia that have cast a blanket of smog over the country.

The sultan joined religious leaders, ministers and thou-

east Asia. But blazes in the drought-stricken sultanate on Borneo Island, as well as in the Indonesian and Malaysian sections of the island, have periodically covered Brunei

government insisted he stay on to oversee the inquiry. But pressure for Mr. Tsai's resignation became too much after a series of subsequent incidents involving other aircraft, so Premier Vincent Siew's cabinet finally

let him go, officials said.

Ranariddh, the ousted co-prime minister, arrived in

under the terms of the lapanese-brokered peace plan aimed at ending factional righting and ensuring that he

international community, but a senior member of the Phnom Penh government, co-defense minister Tea Banh, The second secon said that security arrangements were ready. (Reuters)

Koreas Resume Food Aid Talks

resumed talks on food aid Wednesday that broke down in December because of disputes over how to ensure ship-

insist that South Korean monitors accompany the deliveries to North Korea, said Johan Schaar of the International Pederation of the Red Cross.

of worries that the North's Communist government may be diverting foreign food aid to its 1.1-million-member

KARACHI, Pakistan --

Feuding factions of a minor- Activists from both factions ity ethnic party set cars and were pulled from their homes, sbutting down Pakistan's killed, the police said. the killing of their members rangers and police were this week. rangers and police were patrolling the area Wednes-

chi's eastern district burning corners and dozens of police vehicles, blockading roads in armor-plated vans were in and warning store owners to the streets, witnesses said.

of the Muhajir National Movement, representing Indian Muslim migrants to Pakistan, has left 21 people dead, including a policeman. The battle between a larger

That sparked two days of

targets and shooting them. taken out on the street and Hundreds of paramilitary

day. Armored personnel cartwo factions roamed Kara- riers were parked on street

> and partial shutdowns were reported in the cities of Sukkur, Nawabshah and Mirpur Khas in sonthern Sindh Province. Sources said that major shopping centers and wholesale markets were closed and that vehicles stayed off the roads.
> The Karachi Stock Ex-

The ethnic party split in

1992. Since then hundreds of people have died in factional fighting. (AP, AFP)

sands of other people at prayers at a mosque here. Brunei largely escaped last year's cloud of smog from the raging Indonesian fires that enveloped much of South-

with smog since the beginning of the year. (Reuters)

Taiwan's Aviation Chief Quits

TAIPEI - Taiwan accepted the resignation on Wednesday of its civil aviation chief, after the island's worst air disaster and a series of subsequent incidents, govemment officials said.

The director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Tsai Duei, had offered to resign hours after the China Airline crash Feb. 16 that killed 202 people. But the

Ranariddh's Backers Checking

PHNOM PENH — Snpporters of Prince Norodom Phnom Penh on Wednesday to check on security and

other arrangements for the prince's return next week. The prince is due to return from Bangkok on Monday

Company of the compan can take part in a July 26 election. His security is a major concern of his supporters and the

BEDING - Red Cross delegates from the rival Koreas

Negotiators for the South Korean Red Cross were asking for guarantees on food distribution but would not insign that ments of grain reach the most needy.

"It cannot be done at this stage," he said. "I don't think the time is ripe yet for South Korean monitors." Monitoring delivery of relief supplies remains a crucial concern for South Korea and other donor nations because

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新教教 (10.00) By James C. McKinley Jr. New York Times Service

KAMPALA, Uganda — When President Bill Clinton walked into a conference with East African leaders here on Wednesday afternoon, he did what American presidents usually do in the Third World: preach the virtues of free markets, democracy and civil liberties.

But Mr. Clinton's decision to hold the conference in Uganda had already sent another strong signal: that the United States is embracing a new generation of leaders in the region who care less about establishing full-fledged democracies than they do about developing their

The unofficial standard-bearer for this group is Yoweri Museveni, a former

the presidents of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Congo, the former Zaire.

These leaders say they want more trade and investment from the United States, but they do not want to be told how to govern.

And while American officials maintain that they are still advocating deoverriding goal in the region is to support leaders who not only manage their governments well but also can somebow stannch the seemingly endless rebellions, famines, refugee crises and economic disasters that have cost the West hillions to fix over the years.

From this perspective, Lieutenant General Museveni is a model leader. His style of self-reliant government, fiscal discipline and free-market economics guerrilla fighter who rescued this lush has made him the darling of U.S. dip-Central African country from political lomats, who are trying to remold Amerchaos and economic collapse over the ica's role in Africa to replace costly and last decade but does not allow party paternalistic aid programs with more politics. The others in the group include trade and investment.

particularly on the economy, and he has diplomat said. "You're looking at a phuralistic political systems. group of people who find African solntions to African problems.

But the American support in recent years for General Museveni and the others whole is far from peaceful. One reason mocracy, they acknowledge that their in this generation has opened up the for this is that General Museveni and the United States to charges of double standards from older allies, especially Kenya. shy about supporting armed rebellions in A staunch ally of America during the Cold neighboring countries. War, Kenya has a much more advanced democracy than Uganda, having held two all-party elections in the last 10 years. Still, Washington has battered Pres-

ident Daniel arap Moi recently because he has done a poor job managing the Burundi, civil wars between the Hutu economy and has oot cleaned up the rampant corruption in his government. majority and Tutsi minority, touched off when Uganda-backed Tutsi rebels in-This stance has put questions in the

minds of some East Africans about how deep America's professed commitment to encouraging democracy runs. Indeed, most of the countries to which the United Christian fundamentalist rebels in the north has persisted with heavy Sudanese

more of a regional vision," an American Rwanda — have yet to set up bona fide

While Uganda has experienced its longest period of peace and economic development in decades, the region as a other leaders in this group have not been

neighboring countries.

The war in southern Sudan is entering its 15th year with no sign of abating, partly because recent rebel advances have been helped along by Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea. In Rwanda and vaded Rwanda in 1990, continue to take hundreds of lives a week.

came to power last year with Ugandan and Rwandan support, is facing new uprisings from rebel movements allied with Hutu insurgents in Rwanda and Burundi. Somalia remains a fractured mess of warring clans with no central government.

It was against this backdrop that Mr. Clinton met with heads of state at Entehbe on Wednesday afternoon. Neither the Burundi military leader, Pierre Buyoya, nor the Sudanese president, Lieutenant General Omar Hassan Ahmad Bashir, were invited. Nor were there any Somali representatives at the table. As a result, little progress on solving the region's many conflicts could be expected.

Still, most American policymakers see Mr. Museveni and the others in the new generation as the best hope for East Africa's future. They contend that these leaders have supported insurrections in other countries only when they would create greater stability in the long run.

As long as these African leaders make "You have a new type of leadership. States has moved closer in recent years support. In eastern Congo, the self-pronorticularly on the economy, and he has — Uganda, Ethiopia. Eritrea and claimed president, Laurent Kabila, who some headway toward democracy, or claimed president, Laurent Kabila, who some headway toward democracy, or claimed president, Laurent Kabila, who some headway toward democracy, or claimed president, Laurent Kabila, who some headway toward democracy. ward it, America can live with them, U.S. officials said.

"All these countries are in some sort of a transition," a U.S. government of-ficial said. "It's not that we have a double standard. It's that we have varying standards based on historical con-

But there is another reason for the United States' stance. With the Cold War won, Islamic fundamentalism has become the new perceived threat to American interests in the region, and the Islamic government in Sudan has been harboring Muslim terrorists and financing rebel movements throughout the region.

By backing Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, the United States has isolated Sudan and put pressure on its government. All three countries are now receiving American military aid and are in turn helping rebels in southern Sudan.

At a South African School, Revival of Apartheid Rage

A Tangle of Racial Issues Sparks an Explosion

'It's not a white

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By Lynne Duke ington Post Service

VRYBURG, South Africa - It seemed like a flashback to the ugly apartheid past last month when white parents, armed with whips and seething system of racial separation. Since the fall with anger at resurgent black acovism, of apartheid, many Afrikaners have becharged into Vryhurg High School and attacked several hlack students.

Then things went from bad to worse. up over several days. White policemen and hlack policemen fell out and exchanged hlows, too. Criminal charges army was called in to huttress the police. speak Afrikaans are allowed. Vryburg's And tensions in this fading cattle town population of 55,000 roughly reflects the 250 miles west of Johanneshurg reached 250 miles west of Johanneshurg reached nation's racial proportions, with 43,000 such a fever pitch that security forces blacks, 7,000 mostly Afrikaner whites opened fire with rubber hullets and tear and 5,000 mixed-race coloreds. gas last week to stop thousands of hlack

protesters who stoned the police, threw firebombs and set several cars on fire.

The center of it all, the formerly all-white Vryburg High, now is shnt down and ringed hy a wall of razor wire — the latest unsettling symbol of just how

fragile South Africa's new democracy is in the nation's remote reaches. While When South Africa's new constitution with the nation of the nati school integration has proceeded without violence in most parts of the country, the basis of color, black students began attending Afrikaner schools in the hope LEBANON: Skepticism on Israeli Plan repression of hlacks once was harshest that they would get a better education. have become hattlegrounds for old ant- But because the constitution also agonisms and conflicting new rights.

The conflict revolves around a tangle of racial, linguistic and consolutional issues that tests how well South Africa can balance the interests of the nation's white minority with those of the black majority since the dismantling of apartheid and the advent of democracy in 1994.

Blacks students and their supporters in the town want an end to white dominacion of the school's administration and to the use of Afrikaans - the language of Afrikaners, descendants of the nation's early Dutch settlers - as its primary medium of instruction.

"We just want to show them that we are prepared to fight for our rights in that school," said Shadrack Bosman, 18, a hlack student leader. "It's not a white man's world like before, and we will see that South Africa doeso't go back."
The Reverend Kohus Venter, chair-

man of the school's all-white governing body, which was disbanded last week. said he regretted that white parents had attacked the black students. But "they were driven to it," he said, because of hlack student indiscipline and intimidagoo aimed at white adults, including a disputed allegation that black student of a range on school grounds is a telling leaders tried to take Mr. Venter and the school's principal hostage if they did not meet student demands.

save for the future what has been ours for 100 years?"

As in many educational conflicts in the new South Africa, the dispute at Vryburg High pits black Africans against white Afrikaners, who created the apartheid of apartheid, many Afrikaners have be-come hitter watching the privileges of racial exclusivity being challenged.

Afrikaners, a majority of South White and black students beat each other Africa's 12 perceot white population, are an insular group that treats Afrikaans as a symbol of cultural strength, The Vryhurg Afrikaners want the high school to mainwere filed. Court orders were lodged. The tain classes in which only those who Vryburg High, which is more than 100

years old, is one of many schools that once were exclusively for Afrikaners. Compared with hlack schools that were purposely underfinanced, overcrowded and neglected under apartheid, the Afrikaner schools had better equipment, better re-

When South Africa's new constitution outlawed discrimination in the schools on

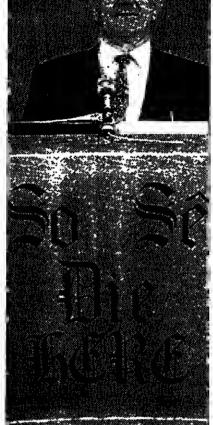
guarantees education in the language of one's choice, newly integrated schools, has thrown both Syria and Lebanon on were divided to accommodate language differences. Thus, at Vryhurg High, 600 students — including 40 hlacks and 25 coloreds - attend the Afrikaans language stream, and 180 students - all lack - attend the English stream.

The Afrikaans' side of the school has equipment, including science and computer labs and a music room, that the English side does not have. Black students say they are excluded from using this equipment because they are not Afrikaans speakers.

Several hlack students, who said they were not particularly interested in learning how to shoot, said they also are excluded from using the school's sbooting range, which has rifles and handguns for student use.

Mr. Venter denied that the black students are prevented from participating in the labs or the marksmanship exercises. A spokesman for the national edu-

cation department. Khume Khangane. expressed surprise about the shooting range and said he had not heard of such amenities at other schools. The presence aspect of the culture here, where firearms are an integral part of rural Afrikaners' lives. But the hlack students say the range "We are making a stand, that's for makes them nervous, especially after last sure," he said. "All we ask is, Can we month's attack by the white parents.



Kobus Venter in the pulpit of his church in Vryburg, South Africa.

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the defensive. Syria, with 35,000 troops

in Lebanon, has long supported Shifte Muslim guerrillas fighting to eject Israeli

troops from the south, the last active

battlefront in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

An Israeli withdrawal would effectively

deprive Damascus of its one remaining

military card in its struggle to regain the

sons to hold out for a comprehensive

peace — one that includes a plan for the

resettlement of 350,000 Palestinian

refugees now living here as unwelcome

guests. In today's climate of hostility,

moreover, the government is unwilling

to take on the responsibility of policing

Israel's border, fearing that Israel would

respond to any security breaches by re-

became prime minister in October 1992.

"If Netanyahu wants security cooper-

their costly entanglement in Lebanon,

Mr. Netanyahu has endorsed a proposal

by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai

under which Israel would withdraw in

exchange for the security pledges. Leb-

anon would also be required to guarantee the safety of the South Lebanese Army, a

With Israelis increasingly weary of

ation, he should sign a peace treaty.

"Israel wants us to be accountable

taliating against the entire country.

But Lebanon also has compelling rea-

Golan, which Israel seized in 1967.

CLINTON: He Says U.S. Must Share Blame for Rwanda Genocide

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he said nothing, apparently nnable to speak. He simply nodded for the next speaker to begin.

The stories, Mr. Clinton said later, showed anew "the capacity of people everywhere - not just in Rwanda, and certainly not just in Africa - to slip into

While acknowledging that the world had been slow to confront the evil, Mr. Clinton said the problem was one of

All over the world," he told his audience, "there were people like me sitting in offices, day after day after day, who did not fully appreciate the depth and the speed with which you were being engulfed by this unimaginable terror."

But some Rwandans in the audience, tivists, said Mr. Clinton was letting himself off too easily. The information was there about the

will," she said. "And there is still a question of whether there will be political will in the future."

But she added, "The president ob-

But she added, "The president obviously deserves credit for going to Rwanda and speaking directly about the genocide."

Human-rights activists, as well as the several hundred Rwandans gathered in an airport conference room to hear Mr. Clinton, applauded his assessment of the origins of the Rwanda genocide. It resulted, he said, not from centuries-old tribal antagonisms but from a deliberate policy pursued by Hutu leaders of in-citing their followers to violence. The original itingrary for Mr. Clinton

did not include a Rwanda stop. It was added as administration officials decided that Mr. Clinton, who is devoting as well as some U.S. human-rights ac- most of his trip to hailing the positive changes in Africa over the past decade. could not credibly avert his gaze from recent horrors.

"What was lacking was the political Mr. Clinton said America wronged

Wednesday was different; Mr. Clinton was referring to an episode that occurred

during his own tenure.
Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was the first to acknowledge, on a visit to Rwanda in December, that the U.S. administration was slow to publicly declare the Rwanda killings a genocide a judgment that would have mandated an international intervention.

In the end, U.S. officials did invoke the genocide label, and Mr. Clinton ordered a military operation to help victims. But these decisions came in the summer of 1994, after most of the murders were over.

On Wednesday, Mr. Clinton also announced a "Great Lakes Justice Initiative" for Rwanda and its neighbors that will funnel \$30 million of U.S. funds to the volume and the nature of the killings, said

Janet Fleischman, an Africa specialist at
Human Rights Watch in Washington.

The Africa trip over the past couple region to strengthen the rule of law. He pledged \$2 million for a newly created international Genocide Survivors' Fund. region to strengthen the rule of law. He

Other Schools Recall Similar Attacks

McGinty, assistant principal at Heath High in West Paducah, Kentucky, where

three girls were killed and five class-

NEW YORK - The gunfire that killed four students and a teacher in Arkansas revived memories of earlier mates were wounded in December when

attacks at schools in Mississippi, Ken- a student opened fire on a student prayer

tucky and Scotland.
"I have cold chills," said Barbara

olution 425, which calls on Israel to

ister's declaration as "significant" hnt

cannot occur without negotiations be-

There's the ruh. Mr. Hariri and Pres-

ident Hafez Assad of Syria insist that the

south without conditions. And in the

absence of a peace treaty, both leaders

prefer to keep Mr. Netanyahu in the dark

about how they would respond to a uni-

was prepared to disarm the main Shiite

militia, Hezbollah, in the event of an

Israeli pullout, Mr. Hariri replied: "All

these questions are on the minds of the

what I have to do," he continued. "Let

them guess what I might do."
Like Mr. Hariri, Western diplomats

here say they are skeptical of Israel's

intentions, suggesting that Mr. Netan-

yahu may be trying to deflect attention

from his government's stalled negori-

ations with the Palestinians.

Israelis. They want the answer. Why

Asked whether the Lebanese Army

tween the two sides.

lateral Israeli withdrawal.

withdraw forthwith" from Lebanon. Mr. Annan described the prime min-

Gwen Hadley, whose 14-year-old-daughter, Nicole, was among those, killed at Heath High, said: "We are

getting better. But this is something we, or the parents of the victims in Jonesboro, will never get over."

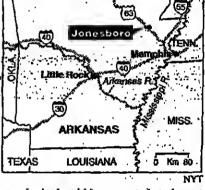
Karen McCuiston, a school district Mr. Netanyahu said his cabinet was close to an agreement on formal ac- spokeswoman, said: "When I heard the

ceptance of UN Security Council res- first little hit about it, that was the first thing I said: Maybe we need to call them. We've been there. Any advice we can give, feel free to call us." The attack Tuesday in Jonesboro,

cautioned that a withdrawal probably Arkansas, "brings everything back as if it were yesterday." said Charlie Cly-desdale, whose 5-year-old daughter, Victoria, was among 16 children killed in a gunman's attack two years ago in UN resolution calls for Israel to leave the Dunhlane, Scotland. "I just wish I could go and give them

all a cuddle and tell them it will get easier with time," Mr. Clydesdale said. "Isn't it time the world learned to watch what they are doing with guns? Have any lessons been learned since Dunhlane?" Since then, Britain has adopted some of the world's toughest gun laws, in-

cluding a complete ban on handguns. At Peart, Mississippi, Roy Ballentine,



a principal, said he expected students to send cards and other tokens of sympathy to Jonesboro, just as they responded to the West Paducah shootings.

"When you've gone through something like this and experienced like our students have, it hardens you where you can deal with it more easily," Mr. Ballentine said.

'Nothing seems like a surprise like it used to."

Two Pearl students were killed and seven were wounded at the school October. A 17-year-old, a former boy friend of one of the girls who died, was charged with murder and also was charged with stabhing his mother to

SCHOOL: Ambush Stuns Arkansas City "Let them withdraw, and I will do

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reported absent Tuesday hut that she was aware of oo previous disciplinary problems. School officials had heard no reports of the threats the boys allegedly had made, she added.

the shooting, and the police later found others, though they did not say where. Some victims bore marks of both large caliber and small caliber ammunition, leading authorities to surmise that both of the suspects fired simultaneously.

There were rifles and handguns some were semiautomaoc," said Bill Sadler, a state police spokesman. It was not clear where the boys ob-

tained the guns. A hearing on detention of the boys, pending a full hearing on the charges, was scheduled for late Wednesday. Brent Davis, the local prosecutor, said the youths would face five charges of

The scene outside the school Wedininadve, he was cautious in assessing nesday was somber. Wreaths and flowers were placed outside the onestory school. Parents, teachers and spidents stood sobbing or spoke in subdued

oices. Many came for counseling. Workers were hosing blood off a white sidewalk in front of a tan cinderblock wall bearing the pockmarks of gunfire. Reporters were told they would have to leave school grounds by 3 P.M. to reduce distractions to mourners and 'aid the bealing,'' said Grover Cooper,

When the alarm sounded Tuesday. students filed outside and soon heard current Israeli government," and sus-pected that the conditions Israel placed on demning decisions," he said. "The crackers. Then students began to fall, others screamed, dived to the ground or and the seeming sense of cold indifsought shelter. The school doors, however, lock automatically and students were left exposed. As many as 27 shots were fired.

'After we started running, they started shooting faster just so they could shoot people," said Erica Swindle, 12.

Parents, hearing of the shooting, rushed to the school in horror. The shots were fired from a grassy rise

perhaps 50 yards from the school, behind a chain-link fence. The police arrived at the school within four minutes and arrested the vouths as they ran through the Several guns were seized at the scene of wooded area, apparently toward a white van parked nearby. The authorities said they had determined the identity of the van's owner but would not release it. . .

The authorities appeared to be discounting early speculation that a third youth had pulled the fire alarm. One witness said the alarm was pulled by one of the suspected shooters, who then ran outside to begin shooting.
"There is not a third suspect being

sought," Mr. Sadler said.

Many people were shocked to learn that the two youths cannot, under Arkansas law, be held beyond their 21st birthdays unless they misbehave in detention. Most are usually turned out the system by age 18, however, because of a lack of facilities. Many states have lowered the age at which a suspect can be tried as an adult, in some cases to 18, 16 or 14.

Arkansas has no law prohibiting minors from possessing shotguns or rifles, although people younger than 21 are barred from having handguns.

The boys in Jonesboro will face no regular trial, but most likely a closed hearing before a judge in a juvenile court. If the judge finds them to be delinquents, he can issue a maximum sentence of detention in a youth center to the age of 21.

Although a recent study found that America's schools are relatively safe concern has spread over the young age of those who in recent months have opened fire on their classmates at four schools ference with which they do so.

Large urban schools had far higher rates of violent crime than smaller rura and suburban schools like the Jonesbort school. One in three of the biggest school reported serious violent crune, compare with only 4 percent of smaller schools.

BRIEFLY

Iran Charges Saudis Harass Pilgrims

Iranian pilgrims in Medina, seizing their prayer hooks and copies of the Koran, the Islamic holy book, an Iranian official charged Wednesday.

The head of Iran's pilgrimage af- for the murder but were accomfairs, Avatollah Mohammad Mohammadi Revshahri, accused "suspicious and backward elements" in Medina of insulting Iranians and expelling them from shrines, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported here.

Ayatollah Reyshahri did not idenofy these persons, but he was believed to be referring to Saudi Arabia's fundamentalist religious police.

Most Iranians belong to the Shiite sect of Islam, while most Saudis belong to the Sunni sect. Sandi Arabia's fundamentalist government bans the study of Shiite Islam, which it con-

Algiers Prelate Asks Clemency in Killing

ALGIERS - The archbishop of Algiers appealed Wednesday for on leftists and dissidents from 1976 to elemency for seven Islamic militants

the murder of the Roman Catholic

hishop of Oran in 1996. "It is natural for the courts to do their duty to protect society, but we do not want the death sentence to be TEHRAN - Saudis are harassing carried out," Archbisbop Henri Teissier said in an interview on state radio.
"There is a problem with the death sentence, especially since those con-

> Although the death sentence has been handed down frequently as Algeria's government has fought a Muslim insurgency, no executions have taken place in five years. (AFP)

victed were not directly responsible

Argentine Bill Gains

BUENOS AIRES — The Chamber of Deputies has voted unanimously to repeal laws that absolved junior and middle-ranking officers who were convicted of human rights abuses in

the 1970s. However, the hill, which must go to the Senate, has only symbolic value, because the officers cannot be ordered to face new trials on the same

The government says 9,000 people disappeared during the "dirty war" elemency for seven Islamic militants 1983. Human-rights groups put the who have been sentenced to death for figure at close to 30,000. (AP)

"Everyone is trying to figure out how serious the Israelis are," a diplomat said, noting that Mr. Netanyahu's govern-Christian militia that serves alongside ment apparently did not share its Leb-Appearing with Mr. Annan at a news anon proposal with Washington before conference in Jerusalem on Tuesday, making it public in January.

vis-à-vis Israel," said Mr. Hariri, who should I give them this answer?

ISRAEL: Annan Delivers a Stern Message Continued from Page 1

that take from Palestinians their homes, their land, their jobs, their residence permits - their very dignity." Friends, I ask you to accept that the

great mass of world opinion, including many countries that are sympatheoc to Israel and to the Israeli dilemma, genuinely feels that Israel is doing a great disservice to its cause and to its standing by persisting with these practices," be

"And, that despite its position of strength - economically, militarily and scientifically -- Israel has not seemed ready for reasonable compromise. The promise of 1993 has become the crisis of expectations of 1998, for both peoples."

Focusing his aim more closely on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Mr. Annan said that almost every Arab leader he had met before coming to Israel was "skeptical about the good faith of the any progress "masks an unwillingness to carry out your side of the bargain."

'I have found, in short, a crisis of confidence," Mr. Annan said. The secretary-general came to Israel after first visiting the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, today's interdependent world, without where he warned Yasser Arafat against placing great hopes in him, describing Hebrew for "nothing."

himself as "a magician without tricks." For the Israeli government, the greatest interest in his visil was his potential role in advancing Israel's diplomatic efforts to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon. Mr. Annan reportedly discussed the question with the capital murder and several charges of Syrians and the Lebanese before coming aggravated assault.

to Israel. But apart from hailing the

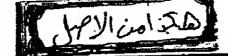
its chances. For many Israelis, however, the major interest was in the very fact of a UN chief's visiting the country that has takeo the brunt of so many blows from the world assembly, most notably the 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with fascism - a vote Mr. Annan described as "the low point in our relations." It was rescinded in 1991.

During a visit to Parliament, Mr. Annan was subjected to some reproaches the school superintendent. from the speaker, Dan Tichon, "Our days have been filled with a series of strategy of isolating Israel and delegitimizing her will hring about nothing."

But it was Mr. Annan's rejoinder. playing on the Hehrew initials for UN,

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that won the louder applause: "In the UN we shall have 'cloom'"



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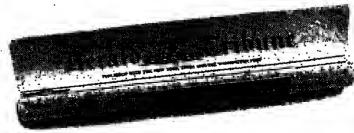
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A Presidency Acclaimed

For Americans accustomed to the idea of a diminished presidency, the sight of Bill Clinton addressing a cheering crowd of half a million people in Ghana and being effusively welcomed in Uganda must seem a wonder. It suggests that the majesty of the American presidency has never been greater even though this president is engulfed by troubles in Washington. For Mr. Clinton, the journey across Africa, and visits that he will soon make to Latin America, Europe and Asia, provide re-

lief from the siege at home. In Uganda on Tuesday he forthrightly expressed regret for America's role in African slavery. Like Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and other men who sought to repair damaged presidencies by going ahroad, Mr. Clinton commands a degree of adulation in foreign lands that he cannot match in the United States. The aura of power is enhanced by the resplendent Boeing 747 that now serves as Air Force One, and by a traveling party of some 800 people, including White House aides, security agents, members of Congress,

corporate executives and reporters. But it is not just the presidential airplane and entourage that are larger today. The international symbolism of the presidency is as well. With the end of the Cold War, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the arrival of the electronic age, America plays a greater

If this has been the American Century, it has never seemed more American than in its final decade.

When Mr. Clinton goes abroad, he does so as the leader of a nation unrivaled in its prosperity, technology, military might and cultural influence. That can be a source of fear and resentment. Not everyone is ready to surrender to Coca-Cola, McDonald's and Microsoft, as France often demonstrates. Concern about a hegemonic America is tangihle in more than a few foreign capitals, including Moscow and Beijing.

Yet America's freedoms and success are envied everywhere. Mr. Clinton carries that strength with him when he travels, and it magnifies both him and the office he occupies. It will not inoculate him from the problems that await his return to Washington, but at a moment of peril in his administration he is enjoying the radiance of the nation he represents.

Americans like to say that the presidency is bigger than one person and has a grandeur that exists above and beyond the frailties of an individual incumbent. That seems especially true now that the United States holds such a commanding position as the world's sole diplomatic and military superpower and as the linchpin of world stability.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Keep After Gadhafi

From the United Nations comes doleful evidence of the sheer endurance required to fight terrorism. It is nearly 10 years since a bomb allegedly planted by Libya's intelligence service blew up Pan Am 103, killing 270 passengers (including 189 Americans) and people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland. Since then Moammar Gadhafi has never faltered in his so far successful effort to block the trial of his two operatives accused by the United States and Britain in the crime.

One of his lines of attack is to avoid the trial venue, in their own countries. where the U.S. and British governments think a fair trial is most possible. His other line is to escape the economic sanctions that the Security Council voted after the two Lihyans were indicted. Here be has sought to convince other formerly colonial-ruled countries that the U.S. purpose is much less to bring the Libyan suspects to justice than to keep all the "Third World" countries down. This argument has an however long it takes. evident "street" appeal.

In fact, the true friend of Colonel Gadhafi in his attempt to avoid the close scrutiny of his terrorist practices that a trial would bring is fatigue. He surely knows well that 10 years is a long time to keep the edge of outrage honed. Even some of the families of the Pan Am 103 victims, despairing of judicial closure and fearing that time will hlur the evidence trail, are looking at the self-serving substitutes for American and British justice that the Lihyan leader favors.

The families, for their personal loss and for their weight in public opinion, have an undeniable claim to be heard hy American and British policymakers. Still, a broader public interest lies in doing what seems most necessary as a nation to combat and deter terrorism. Ten years is a long and discouraging time to be stiffed by Moam-mar Gadhafi. But 10 years is also proof of necessary stamina to stay engaged in the pursuit of a terrible crime for

news announced on Monday that Bertelsmann AG will purchase Random House, the preeminent American publishing company. The pending acquisition is business as usual in the puhlishing world, except, perhaps, for the fact that Bertelsmann is a German media conglomerate.

Bennett Cerf, co-founder of Random House, bought Alfred Knopf in 1960, and in the past 20 years publishing houses have merged and remerged with such profligacy that ordinary readers no longer have any idea from what outlet in the corporate edifice the books they read have been emined. Even not-so-ordinary readers - writers and editors - lose track,

which is not surprising when you consider the bewildering number of companies with which they and their friends have been forced to deal as one publisher devours another.

As it stands, Random House is a cluster of several publishing groups,

In a sense, there is no news in the news announced on Monday that Berwhich, like Knopf and Pantheon, were which, like Knopf and Pantheon, were once independent. Random House is being sold by one media conglomerate, S. 1. Newhouse's Advance Publications Inc., to another. It is not as if some vestigial independence were being forsaken by this purchase, although it would give Bertelsmann a dominant share of the American market.

No, the trouble is simply how familiar this sale feels. It provokes only a sigh, which suggests how much we have come to take for granted the steady convergence of all media under ever widening corporate nmbrellas.

But in that convergence, which had already occurred in the case of Random House, something is lost - call it the broadly dispersed ownership of media outlets, call it even a productive, democranic inefficiency in the marketing of information. One thing is certain. The road away from conglomeration will be a hard one to find.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Serbs Won't Give Up Kosovo

The main problem that Europeans and Americans and the rest of the international community must understand is the grave danger posed for the whole Balkan peace by the political demands of Alhanians for the independence of Kosovo or for a "special republic." This demand is the spiritual and political base for terrorism.

The main obligation of the international community is to force the Albanian political leaders to forget this demand. If they persist, it will provoke another Balkan war because all Serbs will protect Kosovo. Kosovo is for the

Serbs what Jerusalem is for the Jews. Serbia was born in Kosovo. You will not find one Serb who will give it up. If war breaks out over this issue, the Dayton agreement will be dead within a few hours. There will be war again in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Vi-

olence will spread to Alhania itself,

Macedonia and even Bulgaria. The second obligation of the international community is to press Slobodan Milosevic to solve any problem with the ethnic Albanians at the negotiating table, not the battlefield.

- Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader in Serbia (Global Viewpoint. Los Angeles Times Syndicate).

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The Yeltsin Routine: Reappear and Fire Someone

WASHINGTON — It is by now a matter of habit: Returning to health and office, Boris Yeltsin reaches out and fires someone to show that be is

back and in charge. No big deal, the White House and the State Department rushed to proclaim this week when he unexpectedly dumped most of his cabinet. That's Boris, Bill Clinton seemed to shrug from Africa. But that's the problem.

There was not a scintilla of national strategy in the wholesale dismissals, only his mood of the moment, and his determination not to go in any one direction for very long. Russia today is governed by whim.

Mr. Yeltsin has converted his admirable democratic re-election as Russia's president two years ago into a sham-bling, unpredictable antocracy where he functions as a modern czar. Even those who have worked closely

with him since he smashed the Soviet Union at the beginning of this decade cannot predict when and how his next

By Jim Hoagland

to have had little if any warning that he was about to be sacked and denounced on Monday for having done nothing more than carrying out Mr. Yeltsin' episodic, vague orders.

In Washington two weeks ago for his semiannual political checkup with Al Gore, Mr. Chernomyrdin seemed more firmly in the saddle than at any time since his embarrassing showing as leader of the pro-government party in

the 1995 Duma elections.
The recent word from Moscow was that some of the key figures in the financial oligarchy that will control the flow of campaign funds for the presidential election in 2000 had moved into Mr. Chemomyrdin's camp. He seemed to be gaining the upper hand in the quiet hut intense struggle for influence with Anatoli Chubais, the abrasive economic theorist who floats in and out of Mr. Yeltsin's favor.

lurch will come.

His most faithful retainer, Prime factors in the government shake-up.

Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, seems Mr. Yeltsin has a pattern of knocking

alleled skills at self-effacement had slipped recently. At a Washington press conference with Mr. Gore, he obliquely but unmistakably endorsed the U.S. position that a favorable vote by the Duma on the START-2 treaty on nuclear weapons had to precede a Clinton-Yeltsin meeting this year, contradicting Foreign Minister Yevgeni Pri-

makov's no-linkage position. Or Mr. Yeltsin may simply have tired of refereeing Chemomyrdin vs. Chubais, and dispensed with both to get a little peace. In Boris Yeltsin's Russia, it could be that simple.

Such abrupt changes undermine consistency and continuity in policy. The changes may, in fact, be designed to perpetuate the status quo of corruption. confusion and conspiracy that dominates Russia's struggling economy. Mr. Yeltsin says Mr. Chernomyrdin

failed him by not paying off the months of back salaries owed to Russian workers. But he also ordered the prime minister to keep inflation low and the IMF

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Mr. Chernomyrdin's once unparalleled skills at self-affearment had incapable of creating any other structures than those they learned as old party bureancrats," said Alexander Lebed, the popular retired army general who was briefly a Yeltsin ally. "Personal loyalty is the only criterion."

General Lebed, currently a candidate in the governor's race in Krasnoyarsk and preparing to run for president in 2000, visited Washington on March 19. Mr. Yelisin will run for another term despite his poor health and failing judgment, General Lebed predicted then

The disowning of his government and its record reinforces the view that Mr. Yeltsin is maneuvering to protect himself, not Russia. But it is time for him to perform one last heroic service. He should renounce any ambition for a third term, and devote himself to developing not just a successor but a stable political and economic system to carry on what he began.

He should institutionalize democracy, not himself and his whims. The Washington Post.

The West May Have to Let Indonesia Learn by Failure

By Gerald Segal

ONDON - As East Asia's economic crisis drags on, it becomes clear that there is not so much one crisis as several increasingly distinct crises.

In the first few months there was an Asian contagion - a single process in which neighbors caught the financial flu in part because confidence was lost in another country. But as aid packages have been organized and domestic reforms have begun, the communicability of disease has lessened.

In one important respect there is a serious risk of continuing Asian contagion — the mora hazard of bailing out a recalcitrant Indonesia and thereby undermining the rigor of other aid and reform packages. Thailand and South Korea

have only begun their reforms, and tougher times lie ahead. Now is not the moment to begin thinking that there are easy ways out of these crises.

In continuing ro assist an In-donesia which feels that it can avoid real reform, the risk is that other Asians will demand similarly lax terms, and international capital may drift back to an unstable Indonesia.

The time may not be far off when Indonesia should be left to go its own way and have to contemplate the dire consequences of economic failure.

There are good reasons to try hard to help Indonesia down the road of economic and political reform. This dominant power in Southeast Asia can make a serious mess of its region if it collapses. Worries about mass migration in the millions may matic effort to persuade Pres-

be overstated, at least for the time being, but all of Indonesia's neighbors have real reason to worry about an uncontrolled

flow of refugees. There is good reason to worry that serious economic failure would lead to anti-

Chinese riots. Leaving Indonesia to stew in its own juices also risks breaking a tacit compact between the pluralist capitalist states of the West and the emerging middle classes of Indonesia. The West has a duty to stand by these forces, which in the end offer the best prospect for creating a more open and prosperous Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

For these good reasons, there has been a remarkable diplo-

ident Suharto to take his IMF medicine and engage in serious reforms. The constant and correct message has been that there is no gain without pain.

But such diplomacy may be having the opposite effect. Mr. Suharto seems to read such solicitous attention as permission to avoid the tough IMF con-ditions intended to bring about

economic and political reform. He has assumed that the West will not let him fall, and so he can get what he wants. Hence the flirtation with a currency board, the appointment of an enemy of reform as vice president, and the selection of a cabinet designed to

Tun reform into the sand.

The point is rapidly approaching when the IMF and the West will have to withdraw IMF continues to negotiate posisible changes in terms and withholds a tranche of aid. Prolonged failure to ensure In!

donesia's compliance with tough reforms would raise serious risks. Other Asians will demand ess conditionality for their aid: Western banks will in effect be bailed out for ill-considered decisions about lending to Indone sia, and thus be encouraged to be foolish in the future.

· The day may be coming when the West will need to be tough on Indonesia in order to be kind to the rest of East Asia:

The writer is director of studies at the International Institute for Strategic Studies and director of Britain's Pacific Asia Programme. He contributed this assistance — a tactic that is comment to the International being gingerly explored as the Herald Tribune.

Listen to Kosovo's Demaci on Confederal Compromise sistance. But it has taken its toll which has attacked Serbian po-

YY Western diplomats seek ideas to deal with the explosive Kosovo crisis, they should pay attention to the voice of an emerging ethnic Albanian politician in that unhappy province, Adem Demaci, He is known as

Kosovo's Nelson Mandela. Mr. Demaci, 62, spent 29 years in Yugoslav jails for 'nationalist agitation," "hostile propaganda" and related crimes. A painstaking documenter of human rights abuses, he was awarded the 1993 Andrei Sakharov prize by the European Parliament in Strasbourg. He is also a novelist.

He may be the politician most in tune with his people, offering the best way to prevent another Bosnia-style eruption

of violence.

At the very least, we should

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listen to bis voice of reason and compromise. Mr. Demaci, who entered politics two years ago. is most radical in not demand-

ing independence. He does, of course, dream of it, but he is a realist. He knows that the international community does not favor any border changes or a secession. His compromise solution is a confederation of three equal entities -- Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo.

That would first mean Serbia restoring the autonomy and self-rule that were taken away by the Serhian dictator Slobodan Milosevic in 1989.

It is a radical departure from the course advocated by Ibrahim Rugova, 53, the Kosovo Albanians' leader - a course that has left many ethnic Albanians frustrated, particularly the young, who make up a large percentage of those involved in the violence

recent days. Mr. Rugova, also a writer, with a doctorate in literature, emerged as Kosovo's leader in 1989, when Mr. Milosevic liquidated Kosovo's political and cultural autonomy and imposed direct police rule. He is a passionate believer in passive, Gandhi-style nonviolence.

Under his direction, ethnic Albanians went underground. They created a parallel state, bolding underground elections. setting up their own schools and hospitals, collecting taxes. And they practiced nonviolent dis-

It has been a remarkable ex-

on people's psyches. Many young people see no future, nowhere to go, a restricted life in a self-created prison, one they would like to break out of.

Mr. Rugova's objective, Kosovo's independence, has remained elusive. It has been like a person going on hunger strike, suffering, and nobody taking any notice. Foreign nations in-cluding the United States are not prepared at this point for an attempt to redraw the man of the Balkans. That could light a fuse touching off a host of nationalist uprisings.

One key concern is the future of neighboring Macedonia, a weak new country with a large Albanian minority who also would like their freedom.

The emergence of the sepercise in disciplined civic re- aratist Kosovo Liberation Army,

forge a new approach, if he can win the backing of his people. Outside attention would help GHING MATTERS: him to do that. No advocate of violence him Inting "M*A*S*H" self, he has denounced Mr. sie. "Oh. God!" and Rugova's passivity and inflexible ethnic nationalism. This other Funny Things policy, he said, is the source of the Gallery of pages \$24.

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By Kevin Phillips aberration, when people don't striking in the Roaring '20s, care if the man in the White House lies?

Doe witnesses whose names are The "right track" numbers, like Mr. Clinton's job ratings, still unknown are telling the truth, then Bill Clinton isn't. Correct — or irrelevant? hallooned in January in an ob-The truth may be that Amervious rally-round effect. Reica is Clintonized, and that taining both Mr. Clinton and his market-pampering economics, notwithstanding the odd intern, people don't want to rock the moral or economic boat. Who cares about whether the may well be what "right track"

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The man is delivering.
If there were such a thing as a Tawdrometer, the needle would be well in the red. What we seem to have is a United States. despite a few qualms, that is essentially coming out of its own closet with values that aren't far off Mr. Clinton's.

Ironically, the moral critique of Mr. Clinton is probably weightier now than three or four years ago, when he had 35 percent job approval and generated a level of intense hostility. Today's critical difference

seems to be twofold. First, the

new level of prosperity. Sec-

ond, the apparent loosening of

morals that often accompanies surging financial markets. Go-go finance and go-go morality reinforce each other. In the late-1960s hull market, the old adage came true: The when the rising hemlines and rising stock market averages

were accompanied by the growing number of speak-easies and the early investment trusts and Ponzi schemes. This created the higgest hubble of them all, plus the crash of 1929 and the Great Depression. The 1990s have essentially

the same parallels - adult video sales and internet porn are keeping pace with the Dow Jones and we have a Democratic president with a unique background. He grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas, a gambling town known for loose money, loose women and loose law enforcement - and killjoy Puritans say

he still bears its stamp.

Certainly, his economic policy is as permissive to Wall Street and multinational corporations as his moral flexibility is to Big Sur and Bel-Air. Merger mania is at peak levels, and professors are shaking their heads about antitrust law being replaced by pro-trust.

Corporate CEOs who dump 8.000 employees to cut expenses and boost their stock prices are welcome in the White House. especially if they are Clinton fund-raisers. With this kind of favoritism, talk about today's stock market being a "Clinton market" is fair enough, especially given his role in lifting both barometers - skirts and

Stock market indexes. The norm, of course, is for Republicans to talk about lost 1093: Inie de Vivre

Under Clinton, Stocks and Porn Rise Together

ture. But this is part of what it is time to start thinking about. If the Dow Jones stays up above 2,500, the odds are good that Mr. Clinton's job numbers will stay in the 50 to 60 percent range, even if he takes a few

ethical and moral blows. March's Tawdrometer reading is as frightening as the merger statistics, the personal debt levels and the extent to which middle-class Americans are no longer concerned about the ricb getting too much and the poor too little. It's gimme, gimme.

When might permissiveness start to crumble and meaningful standards begin to regroup? Say, at 45 percent in the Gallup Poll and 4,500 on the Dow Jones industrial average. Los Angeles Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

hragging of the power and virtue **Dubious Iraq Plan**

> Regarding "It's Time for Americo to Prepore An Endgame Plan for Iraq" (Opinion, March 19) by Judith Kipper:

> Ms. Kipper completely skips over the issue of how to get Ssddam Hussein to comply with Unscom inspections. Compliance is menocoed only as a lead-in to further U.S. demands on Iraq. This reminds me of an old sketch on how to become rich: "First, get a

> million dollars ... "
> Further, Ms. Kipper's proposal that Palestinian refugees in Lebanon be resettled in Iraq to help rehuild that country boggles the mind. The idea of resettling Palestinian refugees farther away from Israel/Palestine is anathema to Arah leaders. Also, the idea that these Palestinians themselves would be interested in going to Iraq is dubious.

> Finally, I would suspect that Iraq has its own share of unemployed laborers who would be capable of serving any reconstruction needs that Iraq may have. JEFFREY ROTHMAN. Haifa, Israel.

Bailing Out Indonesia

Winners in the Indonesio-IMF Duel" (Opinion, March 19) by Philip Bowring:

Of course the taxpayers of the world will foot whatever bill needs to be settled in Indonesia. Does Mr. Bowring really believe that the banks will get stuck with the results of their actions? Rumors of pogroms and chaos will bring everybody, even a hostile U.S. Congress, back to realpolitik.

President Suharto and his children Bambang and Tunu, and B. J. Habibie and the others, will go on with business as usual, or else they will lament their misfortune - on the shores of Lake Geoeva.

MARKUS A. BOHR. Kuala Lumpur.

Love and Oppression

The "sexual harassment" pbenomenon is out of control. Carol Allen's letter to the editor ("Clinton Bashing," March 20) begins to correct the balance.

Men have traditionally initiated the sexual cootract and women have had the opportunity (and power) of accepting or declining the invitation.

Germaine Greer's book "The Female Eunuch," published in 1969, suggested that women's lib-Regarding "Illusions and No eration began with women's rec-

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ognizing and acting upon the fact that they have sexual oeeds and

While I accept that this propositioo is true, it did open the floodgates to confusion. Now no one knows "the rules" because there are no rules anymore. The puritans among us would have us believe that any sexual reaching out is harassment.

Humans - of both genders appreciate physical contact and tenderness. Let us welcome this and encourage it. Harassment is harassment. But flirting and offering love are not harassment.

In a society where there is a presumption of innocence, this prosecutioo of "harassment" seems strangely out of place. JIM HAYNES.

Paris.

Regarding "Women's Toler-ance Has Limits" (Opinion, March 19) by Moureen Dowd:

It is not "easy" for women to put up with crude male behavior. A dirty little secret is that many women are fools. They do oot question the brainwashing that makes them believe they have no choice but to play the game. Womeo perpeniate their own oppression.

JANE GREY.

Evening of Political Spoof Is Valuable Pressure Valve

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — In the midst of one of the tensesi periods of press-government re-lations since Watergate came the Gridiroo dinner, a ritual that embodies what is either best or worst about Washington, depending on your viewpoint

For 113 years, this club of newspaper reporters has picked a

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pre-Easter weekend for an annual dinner at which they and their editors and publishers from around the country and leading political and governmental officials break bread and exchange what are meant to be burnorous shots.

Club members write and perform musical skits lampooning the follies of both parties. An official from the targeted side is invited to give a 10-minute speech after each skit. The occupant of the White House gets the last word each year, responding to the only toast of the evening: "To the president." Criccs charge, oot unreason-

ably, that this exchange of mock blows is the ultimate expression of insider elitism.

I will never forget when, a few years back, Ann Richards, then the governor of Texas, looked out at the 600 guests, the meo in white de and tails, the women in formal dresses, and drawled: "So this is what va'll do on a Saturday night up here? I can't imagine why anyone would think you're out of touch." Sbe pricked the pomposity of the occasion perfectly.

But as an obviously biased parocipant in this archaic ritual for more than two decades, I think it proves its worth especially in had times like these.

The quescion was how Bill Clintoo would handle an evening of musical parodies involving the coaching of White House interns and even his lack of fidelity - to Socks, the White House cat.

A wave of laughter and applause - and, frankly, of relief swept the room Saturday night when Mr. Clinton came to the podium, surveyed the scene and asked, with practiced timing, So, how was your week?"

Moralists will say the charges of sexual harassment that had dominated Mr. Clintoo's week are oo laughing matter. They are right. But wheo people are at each oth-

er's throats as much as politicians and the press have been, it is important that they step back, at least

for a moment, and share a laugh Washington is suffering from an excess of "war room" psy-chology that says you go out to destroy any cricic before be or she can dismember you. It infects re-lations between the White House and Coogress, Republicans and Democrats, rival camps of lawyers. And it poisons relations be-

tween the press and politicians.
The U.S. Constitution and the freedom of the natioo require genuine rivalries among those institudons. The tension is real and valuable. But the sanity and even the survival of the country also depend oo these battles being fought with a degree of mutual respect. Dining and laughing to-gether engeoder that feeling.

For Mr. Clioton to spend an evening with Bob Novak, the current Gridiron president and one of the president's toughest journalistic critics, or for Hillary Rodham Clinton to be seated next to the House speaker, Newt Gin-grich, puts a leash on their emo-dons at least for a few hours.

Some see this willingoess to hobooh as a sign of corruption. To me, it seems more a reminder of shared values and ohligations that are more important than any particular political victory or defeat.

Mr. Gingrich seemed clearly to be alluding to the possibility of impeachment proceedings when he closed his mainly humorous speech by talking directly to Mr. Clinton and to the press about the need to keep cool during "the very grave trials" and "the enormous difficulties" we may face in the next few years.

There may be days wheo the president and I can barely stand to read what you write or to see what you report," Mr. Gingrich said. And there may be days you wonder how this system can survive."

But, he said, "I want to say to this entire crowd, whatever happens over the next two or three years. You are Americans, you are the carriers of freedom." That is a timely reminder at any

moment, but especially in a week when the stresses in the system are so severe and the potential for doing serious harm to the public trust is so high. The Washington Post.

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LAUGHING MATTERS: North cattofink On Writing "M*A*S*H"

On Display in Iraq Crisis

By Charles Maechling Jr.

WASHINGTON — There are lessons to be learned from the Iraq crisis that the United States

Unscom and the Security Council to determine whether Iraq had violated its commitments.

seems unwilling to accept - first.

that military might does not necessarily equate with "leadership of the free world," and, second, that pperating under a UN mandate does not carry with it the unilateral

right to attack another oation, eveo a malefactor like Iraq.
In the Iraq crisis, President Bill
Clinton — advised by a secretary

of state and a national security

adviser with oo serious diplomatic

experience — thought he could pick up where the Gulf War had left off, with a show of force that

would intimidate Saddam Hus-

The advisers then overplayed

their hand with a campaign of

warmongering only faintly di-juted with talk about a diplomatic

gave America a free hand to act.

In fact, unless the United States

was prepared to isolate itself from

the rest of the world - and this was

always a danger — the use of force could only be a UN decision.

United Nations crisis brought on

by Iraq's refusing access to Un-

scom inspectioo teams. It remains

a UN responsibility, and only the

Security Council can authorize

. After flailing about with other

rationales for a bombing strike,

including "destruction of Iraq's

capacity to threaten its neighbors," Mr. Clintoo finally fell

back on the real issue - unferred

access of UN inspectors to the

This passed the responsibility

back to where it belonged, to the

persoo with the international le-

gitimacy to go to Baghdad to oe-

access of "presidential" sites.

enforcement of a UN mandate.

From start to finish this was a

sein and make him back dowo.

to determine whether Iraq had vi-olated its commitments.

ton administration from face-sav-

ing bombing strikes was the near certainty of an explosion in the

Middle East. President Hosni

Mubarak of Egypt and King Hus-sein of Jordan had warned that if

dead and dismembered Arab wom-

eo and children were shown on TV,

the Arab masses would break loose

and the survival of all regimes in

the region would be at risk.

In the buildup to the Gulf War
the Bush administration marshaled

a coalition with quiet diplomacy

and closed-door briefings. This ad-

ministratioo's game plan was

based on a display of overwhelm-

ing force, belligerent rhetoric, un-

compromising positions and dom-

ination of the airwaves. Madeleine Albright is the first

secretary of state in American his-

tory whose diplomatic specialty,

if one can call it that, is lecturing

other governments, using threat-

ening language and tastelessly

On television last month she

said that "if we have to use force,

it is because we are America, we

are the indispensable oadon, we

stand tall — we see further into the future." Kaiser Wilhelm II

The administration's foreign re-

lacions style of replacing quiet di-

plomacy with coercion and bluster

has shown itself elsewhere - in

trade negotiations; in pressure on

governments to renounce invest-

ment in Cuba and Iran, and most

recently in the crisis over Kosovo.

Group, Mrs. Albright has again

surfaced with empty threats and

deounciation, this time against

President Slobodan Milosevic of

and erradic "leadership" is oow

widespread, Unless Mr. Clinton

changes both his diplomatic style

and his advisers, he will end by

fatally dividing the Atlantic al-liance. He will oot always have

The writer is an international

lawyer and a former State De-

partment adviser. He contributed

this comment to the International

Kofi Annan to bail him out.

Distrust of America's strident

rugoslavia,

Herald Tribune.

In meetings of the Contact

could not have put it better.

of her country.

What finally deterred the Clin-

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt LOVE to play with language; make it do tricks, turn a word inside out to see The Manager: If it's got a hidden meaning tucked way somewhere, or perbaps find that it's capable of an extra eotendre or

So writes Larry Gelbart, the writer, in his combination memoir-sampler, which has combined matters: On Writing M*A*S*H, "Tootsie," Oh, God! and a feet its And it shows this works!

And it shows, this verbal sportiveness of Gelbart's, not only in the prose of his book — "To make a long story short he made a short story long," he writes of the correction Department. the comedian Danny Thomas — but also in the trajectory of his career. .; The child of Yiddisb-speaking im-

122m, 65 migrants from Eastern Europe, Gelbart did not start speaking English until he was 5. Only 11 years later, in 1944, he the training costs on the Maxwell House Coffee Time oovelist Thomas Mann, "A writer is someone for whom writing is writer is gaby Snooks." nationals. COLUMN TO COLUMN Baby Snooks.

Caesar, among others; for television for instance, bow be belped pioneer a "multitiered storytelling technique" in the "M*A*S*H" series. How The second district A STATE OF THE STATE OF Gate") and for theater ("A Funny Thing he learned from his master, the Roman comic playwright Plautus, in writ-Yet of the

By Alan Truscott

D ALPH SWIMER, a play-

Yet what is engaging about 'Laughing Unfortunately, the rest of 'Laughing iog Matters' is oot so much the verbal Matters' is mostly filling. From the looks of it, his editor, Sam Vaughan, the stories Gelbart tells of overcoming the handicap it gave him. "In truth, I teod to overwrite," he confesses, "to write too many jokes. That's Bob Hope 101. Always leave 'em laughing. Always meet 'em laughing. Always keep 'em laoghing.''

This tendency proved a drawback when it came to writing longer material, he admits. On one of the first movie scripts he was assigned to improve, the producer told him be loved what be was doing. But when he beard gales of learned that other writers were "im-proving my improvements."

urally," he writes. "It is the hardest part statue"). of the writing process. No matter how many times you plot a script successfully, the oext one, representing new and uncharted territory, convinces you that you were merely lucky the last time out. that you really don't know how to do it at

ROM there Gelbart went oo to write for other cornedians, other media: for Eddie Cantor, Boh Hope and Sid the ooes that tell how making the ooes the "Sly Fox," "City of Angels").

"He helpfully says, "Asked once on Stefan Zweig's version of "Volwhether there was a reason wby all of pone" in preparing his soccess-sid's writers tended to be 'young and ful Broadway version, "Sly Fox"

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Jewish,' I said it was probably because (which starred George C. Scott), and all of our parents were old and Jew-never bothered to read the Ben Jonson original.

who has written hrief bridging essays along with an introduction, had a hard time pulling material out of Gelbart. Beyond a few of the essays, the book

oever works up much momentum. Instead it improvises with lists of the author's favorite things oo televisioo (Milton Berle's "Texaco Star Theater," Edward R. Murrow, Richard M. Nixoo). excerpts from the author's best scripts ("Barbarians at the Gate," gate"), praise for people he admires (of "the diminutive agent and producer laughter and put "a drinking glass to our living Lazar," he writes, "good things common wall, a primitive but time-came in small packagers") and damtested way of eavesdropping," be nation for those he feels have crossed him (of the actor Dustin Hoffman he remarks, "Never work with an Oscar "Plotting is oothing I did, or do, nat- winner who is shorter than the

FIER a while, all you can hope for A FIER a while, all you can hope for are more clever one-liners. Happily, they keep coming. "My own definition of a friend is someone who has the decency oot to send you a thank-you note after you've had a failure."

'Cootrary to popular belief, it's not the legs that go first, it's remembering the word for legs." "Over a lifetime I've produced more

drafts than the oorth wind." 'I carry oo childhood scars; I was an amused rather than an ahused child."

But as Gelbart would be the first to admit, when you start to depend oo funny lines, you know you are in trouble. in the end, "Laughing Matters" leaves the reader wishing that the author had exercised his evident talent for mastering new media and learned the art of writing memoir as skillfully as he does everything else. New York Times Service

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in Turin, Italy. In the diagramed deal, Swimer and his partner Jeremy Flint, helped the British overwhelm a strong United States team in the final

To Telecom Industry's Delight, Mobile Phones Are Talk of Finland's Towns

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

ELSINKI — For a people reputed to be taciturn, the Finns are doing a lot of talking these days — on mobile phones.

To a greater extent than anywhere else in the world, they have incorporated the portable telephone, the computer and the Internet into their daily lives.

And it isn't just husiness people. On the street, retirees, teenagers and children stride along with phones glued to

to talk but also to send and receive short anne Holmlund of Nokia Gronp, which text messages, some of which are pre- is based in Helsinki. Inevitably, there is programmed, like: "Send one pizza a growing movement to get people to quattrostagione,

"We Finns have a reputation of being very quiet, yet when you come to town and see half the people talking to themselves everywhere, you begin to wonder

Personal Technology

During the past fifteen years

the size and weight of mobile

diminished while new features

phones have dramatically

have been introduced

their ears. They use the phones not only whether the cliché is over," said Maristop talking, or at least to talk more quietly in restaurants and public

> What makes the Finns so wired up and switched on?

One answer is a fair dose of deregulation and competition in the telecommunications field, making phone rates low by European standards. Matti Makkonen, a vice president at Telecom Finland, said lower cost was a reason Finns have more than four times as many mobile phones per capita as Ger-

But other countries, like the United States, have competitive telecommunications markets without being so hooked on cell phones.

"I think the popularity of portable phones is because we Finns are fenatical about engineering," said Timo Airaksinen, a professor of philosophy at Helsinki University. "We are a nation of engineers, but we are not so good at marketing and advertising.

Portable phones and computers, be said, appeal to the Finns' sense of efficiency and love of gizmos.

It helped that Finland was one of the

countries that developed the Nordic Mobile Telephone service, which opened in 1981, becoming the world's first cellular network to span several

ACK then, businessmen proudly lugged \$5,000, 10-kilogram, 1982 vintage Mobira Senator "portable" phones. Fellow Finns, Mr. Airaksinen said, saw them as "glamorous."

Finns soon spotted a practical reason for buying a phone, even at those heady prices. In summer and during weekends, they like to escape to country cottages and boats, and go hiking or cross-country skiing. Having a phone meant they could leave their desks but stay in touch — and it was often cheaper than having a fixed phone line strung to a country cabin.

Once a real product was available, the demand was immediate, Mr. Airaksinen said. In fact, the first hulky phones flew out of stores so fast that the Nokia Group, then an industrial conglomerate that made anything from rubber galoshes to electrical cables, decided to concentrate on making mobile phones and the associated infrastructure. Last year, Nokia supplied more than

20 percent of the global market for phones and equipment, ringing up a net

Using a Nokia cell phone in Lapland.

profit of 6.2 billion markkaa (\$1.12 hillion) on sales of 52.6 billion markkaa, showing that it had managed to master marketing as well as engineering.

Although its phones are nbiquitous here. Nokia still gets only 5 percent of revenue from the Finnish market. With a small population at home, Nokia had to create markets and set up factories ahroad, which it did in Germany, Korea, China and the United States. Its 36,000member staff has doubled in the pass three years, about half of them Finns.

"The consumers are driving this market," said Jyrki Laine, a senior Nokia executive. "They are forcing even the monopolies to behave like private companies." He said the company's main challenge was to keep ahead of the consumers, giving them what they need at the right time.

The Finns' fascination with technol-

ogy shows no sign of abating. According to Telecom Finland's figures, 425 in every 1,000 Finns own a mobile phone — the highest market penetration in the world, followed by Norway and Sweden.

Nokia, meanwhile, has played a leading role in the development of the digital Global System for Mobile Communications, or GSM, the cor. mon cell-phone standard in Europe.

and much of Asia. Mnch of the industry recently adopted a new common standard, partly based on Nokia technology, that will become the norm for the next generation of digital mobile phones in Europe and Asia around the turn of the

century.

If the United States also adopts the standard, it means people will be able to use their portable phones almost anywhere in the world to talk, receive email, surf the Internet and receive full or full-motion video pictures, perhaps creating a new market for videophones.

And you can bet the Finns will snap them up, too.

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tion and Development is at: · www.vn.fi/lm/vho/tmv/english/

Dawn of the Web Potatoes: Sports Fans Can Now Tune In to Internet 'Broadcasts'

By Matt Richtel New York Times Service

T's not quite like being there. It does not even approximate television. But if you are in Fresno, California. or Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and your favorite team is in Chicago or Denver, it is the next best thing. For some sports junkies, that is a great leap forward.

Meet the internet simulcast, the newest medium for live sports, and its fan, the Weh potato. "It's obviously not TV. ; where you can get all excited, but for my options, it's as good as it gets," said Chris Grusz, a Seattle software salesman who uses the browser in his cubicle at work to tune into Chicago Bulls bas-

To some, the idea of "watching" games unfold in simple text is a likely sign of lunacy. But Mr. Grusz is among thousands who are happily tuning into

Major League Baseball plans to follow the lead of the

National Baskethall Association and the National Hockey

League by retransmitting radio feeds live over the Internet

The NBA and NHL are already in the midst of re-hroadcasting more than 1,000 games this season. "We're

averaging 500,000 unique listens per month," said Michele

Mees, the NHL's manager of public relations. "Displaced

fans are the majority coming to the Internet for games."
Like the NBA and NHL. Major League Baseball will use

for all 2,430 of this season's scheduled games.

to simulate games as they happen, using animation or text updates fed from the

ESPN is set to begin its first full season of Web-based baseball coverage, while CBS is embarking on a second full season. Each offered football games last year, and ESPN recently started Garnecast for the National Basketball Association. Last year, CBS Sportsline's Basehall Live was its most popular on-line offering, attracting bundreds of thousands of viewers each game, the company said.

Perhaps more impressive, the Total College Sports Network, a division of Total Sports, based in Raleigh, North Carolina, was viewed by several hundred thousand viewers during the first- baseball game. weekend of the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball

Baseball Plans Live Internet Broadcasts

ESPN SportsZone, CBS Sportsline and tournament. The 10-month-old network a handful of smaller operations that seek has provided real-time play-by-play, charts and digital photos for hundreds of college basketball, football and baseball ames in the past year.

Make no mistake, the experiences are not even a distant cousin of television. CBS provides animation based on Java, an Internet language for interactive and multimedia programs. For football, an image of a football helmet moves across the field as a team marches on a drive; for baseball, animated figures round the bases as a running box score keeps a

upgrade for this baseball season. CBS is using a program called Sbockwave, a multimedia application for a browser, to make the action look like an arcade

ESPN focuses more on statistics, providing running play-by-play text,

RealNetworks Inc.'s RealAudio technology to deliver

the home team's local radio broadcast. The broadcasts will

the away team's home page and tuning in the visitor's

son," said Kevin Fitzpatrick, Major League Baseball's

broadcast back to the home market.

Baseball's home page will provide links for each game to

A fan can also hear another call of the game hy surfing to

'All 30 clubs will have their own Web sites this sea-

streaming andio of the games to a worldwide audience.

rosters, box scores and shot charts. These Webcasts may be a harbinger of what is called convergence, the melding of television hardware and content with home computer hardware and content. In the case of sports, that means fans will be able to use one screen to get access not only to broadcasts but also to mountains of statistics.

The signs of convergence are already evident in radio, where technology that permits broad-casts to be carried over the Internet makes bundreds of games and events The network promises an elaborate available to anyone with a connection. speakers and a copy of audio-streaming software such as Microsoft's Netshow or Real Network's Real Player. In base-hall, at least 13 major-league teams, two dozen college teams and a bandful of minor-league teams were set up for do-

ing audio feeds as of February.

The Internet now provides audio access to many other sports: hockey, soccer, golf, auto racing, college basketball, horse racing and rodeo, among others. Audio Net, a Dallas-based Internet broadcaster, even offers play-byplay for contests broadcast exclusively for the Internet, such as events at some

There is also access to sports talk radio, where sports fans can go after they have seen the game and the highlights. Eventually, Web simulcasts should begin to incorporate not just audio but also video streaming and still shots to create a much richer experience, said Ross Levinsohn, vice president for programming and executive producer at CBS Sportsline. But he sees that tech-

•SAILING UP, UP AND AWAY:

Japan plans to send as many as 200 airships into the stratosphere hy 2005 as

a faster and cheaper aliemadve to satel-

lite-based communications, govern-

The 260-meter-long (858-foot) air-ships would float 20 kilometers (12

miles) above Japan, an altitude where winds are stable. Dubbed Skynet, the

project aims to provide faster trans-

mission and allow the use of smaller

mohile telephones and portable Internet

computers at a small fraction of the cost

an airship would be about 5 hillion yen

(\$38.4 million), about one-tenth the

price of a satellite, and would have a longer life span, the officials said.

A Ministry of Posts and Telecom-munications official said the airships

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• A CHAMPIONCHIP RACE:

When runners in the London Marathon

lace on their sneakers and pin on their

numbers April 26, they will also have a

new accessory. Each of the 31,000

racers will be required to attach a small

The chip, which is the size of a thumb-

nail and weighs 3 grams, will help track

the competitors as they run the 26.2-mile

course. Dubbed the Championchip, the

tracking device was designed three and a

half years ago by Champions World-

wide, a Dutch timing company. Each chip, which costs \$33, carries the run-

ner's personal information, including

number and running club. Throughout

the course, each racer will run over stra-

tegically placed mats that will send in-

microchip to a shoelace.

(AFP)

The cost of developing and launching

ment officials said this week.

of traditional satellites.

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Chris Grusz of Seattle tuning in to a Chicago Bulls game via his computer.

itive enough to be the domain of die-hard fans. Geoff Reiss, senior vice president for sports at ESPN Interactive, said: SITES

nology as being three to six years away.

Web-based live sports today are prim-

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"This medium cannot and does not replace visual satisfaction in terms of covering Kobe Bryant taking an alley-oop pass and dunking it. What we can do is provide a far greater level of understanding of what is happening in that event. For the hardest-core fans, it's the greatest

augmentation that they've ever seen." Technology aside, the Webcasts will probably face some opposition from other media, legal experts say. The courts may have to decide whether the Supersonic Jet Tested paper or a broadcast medium. A delgor Shevehuk, near right, head a
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Low-Cost Portables Come With Quirks

By Stepben Manes
New York Times Service

LTHOUGH they are not as durable as desktop models, portable computers are easily powerful enough to serve as one's only machine. You can get a slim one, a fat one, a light one, a heavy one or just about anything in between.

You can even get a fairly cheap one. Major manufacturers now offer full-fledged Windows models with the features most people need for \$1,500 to \$1,700, not including intemadonal shipping charges.

A typical bargain model has a 166megahertz Pentium MMX processor. at least 16 megabytes of random-access memory, a 2-gigabyte hard drive, a 12.1-inch screen with 800-by-600 pixel resolution, sound capabilities, a fast CD-ROM player and a "56K" modern. (Apple Computer Inc.'s

PowerBook line, running the MacOS. has even faster, if pricier, versions.) But recent tests of four new lowend Windows models brought home just how different they can be.

I tried the IBM Thinkpad 310ED, about \$1,600; the Toshiba Satellite 305CDS, at about \$1.700, and the Fujitsu Lifebook 765Dx, about \$1,500. I also took a quick look at a pre-release copy of the Hitachi VisionBook Plus 5000, about \$1,700. The three ma-

chines' personalities differ greatly. Weight and size: These machines weigh from just under 7 pounds (3 kilograms) (IBM and Hitachi) to seven and three-quarters (Fujitsu), excluding AC power supplies. At about 2 inches (5 centimeters) tall, they are

not particularly slim.

• Memory: The IBM model comes with 32 megabytes of random-access memory. The others have just 16,

which slows them down.
• Screens: The "dual-scan" screens used on these units may be their greatest drawback. Each one is different, but all have the classic problems of the genre: uneven illumination, narrow viewing angle, ghost images and disappearing cursors. The Toshiba looked best, but its lower edge

was dim. The IBM's screen is backed up by 1 megabyte of video memory, half that of the others, which makes it unable to display as many colors.

· Controls: When you need to adjust brightness or sound, you want to touch a dial like the ones on the Toshiba. The IBM makes you hold down a function key and bang repeatedly on an arrow key; the keys do not auto-repeat in this instance.

 Modems: All these units come with K56flex modems either built in (Hitachi, Fujitsu) or on a PC card that comes with the unit.

 Convenience: Among these mod-els, only the Toshiba includes a CD-ROM player and floppy disk drive that occupy the unit simultaneously. The others force you to swap the CD and floppy drives or connect the floppy through a cable. The Fujitsu and Hitachi units can connect to docking sta-

tions; the others cannot · Keyboards: None is entirely standard, but all are workable. I found the Toshiba's to be the easiest to adapt to, in part because it does not try to cram in the IBM's duplicate Control and Alt keys or the Windows keys on the Fujitsu and Hitachi models.

· Pointing devices: The way individuals move the cursor is so personal that it may rule out consideration of some units. I demand the central pointing sticks found on the IBM and Toshiba models. Some insist on the touchpads found almost everywhere else. The Hitachi has unpleasantly skinny buttons; the Fujitsu has the

Ergotrac, a springy, imprecise pointing nubbin that forces you to move your fingers off the keyboard's home row. Serial, monitor, parallel and infrared ports are standard, as are one for an external mouse

or keyboard, two PC Card slots and, on all but the IBM, a single Universal Serial Bus port. The Toshiba includes a batch of Microsoft Corp. software; the others are much less generous.

THANKS to the wan screens, none of the four was delightful. I L liked the Toshiba best until it failed to launch Windows once and announced a "resume failure" another time. A company representative said this show-stopping software problem had been fixed in newer versions of the model and could be solved in older ones by downloading a driver from the Web. But it is not easy to get to the Weh when your machine has died.

Stephen Manes writes the Personal Computing column for The New York formation to a computer system that can calculate how fast the racer is going.

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'The system that we are using means stewards won't have to read the runners' bar codes to give exact finishing times, even when numerous runners arrive within milliseconds of each other," said Martin Trees, marketing director of the London-based unit of Electronic Data Systems, the American computer giant that will run the tracking system. The marathon will own the chips.

Neither the marathon nor the company would say how much the project had cost. (NYT)

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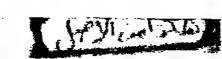
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Japan Tries a New Corporate Culture

Fujitsu and Matsushita Adopt Western-Style Management Changes

TOKYO - Two of Japan's industrial flagships have announced Westem-style management changes that illustrate how deeply the concepts of accountability have infiltrated the Japanese business establishment.

Fujitsu Ltd., Japan's largest com-puter maker, said Wednesday it would switch to merit-based pay and promotions, becoming the nation's first manufacturer to entirely abandon the traditional Japanese seniority system.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., one of Japan's most conservatively run corporations, said Tuesday it would repurchase shares, introduce a stock option plan for senior executives and directors, link managers' salaries to the performance of its stock and streamline its board room.

"Steps like this are hopefully marking a beginning of change from the Japanese style of capitalism to one that's more Western- and shareholderoriented," said Clifford Shaw, president of Mercury Asset Management Japan Ltd., a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co. "It's a straw in the wind, but it's a promising one.

Several Japanese companies have adopted a merit-based system for some workers or managers, but Fujitsu is one of the few to scrap seniority pay

Another is trading giant Mitsui and Co., which said last week it would start paying employees hased on ahility. Fujitsu said it would begin eval-

October, and the new payment system

would start the following April.
"We're doing this to boost morale and productivity," said Mike Beirne, a company spokesman. "We're after an incentive system."

Matsushita, which makes Panasonic electronic appliances, said it would spend as much as 100 billion yen (\$768 million) to repurchase shares for

We're doing this to boost morale and productivity.

one year after its annual shareholders meeting in June, assuming sharehold-

The company's stock buyback plan was coupled with moves to improve the effectiveness of its board room and more closely align management's in-

terests with shareholders. Stock options are still sharply de-bated in Japan, where some executives consider it bad form to accept what is essentially a teward for good performance that carries no punishment should performance decline.

Japanese also regard the remunertion standards of American execuoves as obscenely extravagant.

Although Toyota Motor Corp., Orix Corp., Advantest and Komatsu Ltd. also have option plans, few others have ment."

uating all 47,000 of its employees in followed suit. Matsushita said it would allocate the options to board members and senior executives in quantities ranging from 2,000 to 10,000 common shares, not a particularly large amount by American standards.

Executives would be allowed to purchase as many as 150,000 common shares in this manner or 400 million yen worth, whichever level is reached first.

Matsushita also plans to establish a roup management committee of 10 to 12 people that would make recommendations to the board to help ac-

celerate decision-making.

Matsushita said it would also establish a group of outside advisers to provide hroader perspective.

Orix Corp., widely regarded as one the more progressive Japanese

companies, has instituted a similar Sony Corp. has gone farthest in revamping its board, slieing it to 10 directors from 38 and promising in add

three outsiders. Matsushita's shares rose on the buyback announcement. They closed up 100 yen at 2,000 on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. But Fujitsn's share price fell 20 yen to 1,270,

Matsushita said the changes were meant to "place increasing emphasis on shareholder interests, management transparency and management resource efficiency, in light of the company's expanding global operations and a changing corporate environ-(Bloomherg, NYT)



VW's chief, Ferdinand Piech, presenting the "New Beetle" on Wednesday before the annual press conference.

VW Has Big Plans in Bid for Rolls

By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

WOLFSBURG, Germany -- Volkswagen AG claimed the lead Wednesday over other potential bidders to acquire Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. of Britain as part of the German carmaker's determination to press ahead with one of Europe's most amhitious corporate expansions.

Sketching for the first time a comprehensive outlook for the company's future, Ferdinand Piech, VW's chairman, said he wanted in crank up annual vehicle production to 6 million by 2000, compared with record output last year of 4.29 million vehicles, itself an increase from 1996 output of 3.98 million. The millennium growth projection does not include any

additional vehicle sales from a potential Rolls-Royce acquisition or from a planned entry by VW into the heavy-truck

Already leading the biggest carmaker in Europe and the fourth-largest in the world, Mr. Piech said he wanted VW to rank among the three higgest, an elite group now made up of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Toyota Motor

As part of the race to crack the highest end of the market, Mr. Piech said he had submitted a concrete takeover offer for Rolls-Royce, the illustrious and coveted British carmaker. A decision on Rolls-Royce could be made by the end of

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By Philip Segal

HONG KONG - Paul Krugman, the influential economist who once stood alone in debunking the "Asian mir-acle," now says the region's markets bave hit their low and that it is time to buy stocks, particularly those in Indonesia. While Asia's near-term future may remain murky, "what I believe is that Asia is cheap," Mr. Krugman said during a conference here pul on by Credit

Suisse First Boston.
"We're where Mexico was in 1996," The said, adding that Asian stock markets had "bottomed out."

vestment guru, but his thoughts on anything to do with Asian economics have been intensely sought after, especially since the regional economic crisis began last July.

A professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he shot to world-wide prominence in 1994, when at the height of the euphoria in world markets over the economic prospects of Asia, he published an article in Foreign Affairs titled "The Myth of Asia's Miracle."

In it, he contended that East Asia's annual growth rates of 8 percent or more were not sustainable because they bad arisen less from gains in efficiency than pouring into the region. When that money reversed direction and flooded out of Asia beginning last

July, growth rates in the region plunged, in large part vindicating Mr. Krugman. Now, economists and analysts in Asia are also increasingly speaking Mr. Krugman's language, which stresses the efficiency of money invested.

For example, asked to identify the

biggest mistake Malaysia had made ahead of the economic crisis, the bead of the country's Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Noordin Sopiee, said, "We didn't look carefully enough at renim on investment on tradable

less money on large infrastructure projects that earned little foreign exchange, and more on such dollar or yen earners as tourist promotion, he said.

Mr. Krugman said Wednesday that his top investment pick was in Indonesian companies that earn foreign exchange by exporting commodities. "It's like huying dollars, except you can buy the dollars for about 20 cents," he said.

While granting that Indonesia stood some chance of disintegrating through ethnic violence, he said this was unlikely and that investing in the country was still worth the risk, given "a productive real economy, with abundant natural re-

sources, inexpensive yet reasonably efficient labor and huge potential." With some Indonesian companies

selling at 10 percent of what they would without the crisis, Mr. Krugman said he had already invested in Indonesia on the theory that "a 900 percent return is worth taking on even a 1-in-10 chance of losing everything."

Indonesian stocks have rallied lately since the country gave firm indications that it would not adopt a currency-board system, which would have pegged the donesian rupiah to the U.S. dollar.

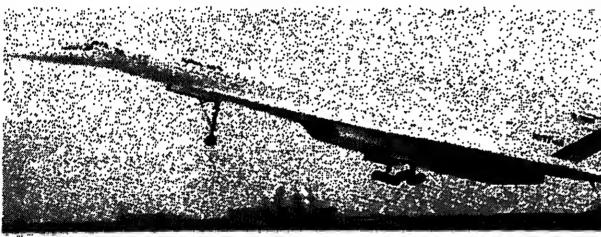
The peg system has been advocated by another American economics professor. Steve Hanke, who is a special

Mr. Hanke came in for strong criticism from Mr. Krugman, who referred to "economic snake-oil salesmen" in Indonesia and called Mr. Hanke's advisory role in Jakarta "one of the odder episodes in economic history." At that

ball and was unavailable for comment. Mr. Krugman also had harsh words for himself, admitting that he had failed to foresee the extent of the economic damage that would be done in the crisis.

point, Mr. Hanke left the conference

"I was 90 percent wrong about Asia's future," be said. "The only consolatioo is that everyone else was 150



Supersonic Jet Tested

Igor Shevchuk, near right, head of Russia's Tupolev plane company, and Robert Spitzer, a Boeing Co. executive, in Moscow on Wednesday announcing the completion of a testing program for a supersonic jet that the U.S. and Russian collaborators say could set the standard for the 21st century.

The new jet, the Tu-144LL, above, made a total of 19 test flights, starting in November 1996, from the Zhukovsky air base near Moscow. The plane flew at Mach 2, or twice the speed of sound, and tested the aerodynamic, acoustic, thermal and struc-

world," Mr. Shevchuk said. Russian and U.S. officials said there were no firm plans to huild the plane, but the research helped to lay the groundwork for such a project.

tural effects of supersonic flight. "There is no other plane like it in the



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In Boston, the Action Shifts From 128

By Mark Leibovich Washington Post Service

OSTON - The hig corporations that more than a decade ago turned Massachusetts Route 128 into "America's technology highway" are all sold, shrunken or obscure today: Digital Equipment Corp. was sold in January after years of illness; Wang Laboratories and Data General survive as shadows of their former selves; Lotus Development Corp. has been absorbed into

International Business Machines Corp. It's a painful tale for a region proud of its success stories, be they computer pioneers, universities or Kennedys. In the eyes of much of the world, Greater Boston's hig technology companies have become case studies in decline and obsolescence.

Yet the state still has about 300,000 technology workers, comparable to levels of the "Massachusetts Miracle" in the 1980s. Greater Boston took in \$830 million in venture capital last year. second only to Silicon Valley in California. Big companies have hit trouble, but more than 2,000 small ones have emerged to be a key engine in the state nology companies in the state, and they

economy, helping to keep unemployment

well under 4 percent. Boston offers cautionary tales for regions that are hasing much of their economic future on high-tech industries: Don't bet too much on hig companies

that try to do everything and won't change with the times; don't get too dependent on federal contracts; and whatever you do, foster a new crop of small, specialized firms to pick up the slack as established names slip. Around

ECONOMIC SCENE

Washington, for instance, the technology industry has historically depended on big companies that build customized computer systems for the federal government. Although many are trying to diversify into commercial work, they have not undergone the shock that Boston's did. Around their edges, entrepreneurial firms with little tie-in in the government are

emerging, such as America Online Inc. In Boston today, the small firms are cropping up everywhere -- "an army of no-names." in the words of an industry analyst. There are about 2,500 "software, Internet and interactive" techemploy 120,000 people, according to the Massachuseus Software Council.

"Boston is full of new technology mammals that have replaced the old repules," said John Rohinson of Mercury Computer Systems Inc. and a former employee of Digital, which in January agreed in be sold to Compaq Computer Corp. for about \$9 billion. There are some classic examples of high-tech failure around Boston but also some successful evolutions."

Then there is EMC Corp., which captured a large if obscure market niche and rode it to nearly \$3 billion in revenue last year. EMC specializes in "enterprise storage equipment," devices that store data on big computing systems. Today it is the biggest computer company based in Massachusetts.

"The key today is for companies to figure out where they want to play, and play well," said Jeff Sands, a longtime Digital executive and now EMC's director of worldwide marketing programs. Boston "has become a more

niche-oriented market." Newcomers include Firefly Network Inc., the 1995 creation of six Harvard

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Austin, Texas: Where the High-Tech Bloom Is On

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran Washington Post Service

early 1980s, as Boston's technology industry was entering its boom years, this place remained a laid-back college town and state capital.

Then, in 1984, a 19-yearold student named Michael

Dell came up with the idea of huilding personal computers to order and selling them di-rectly in buyers. He started his business in a University of Texas dormitory room here. Around the same time, the

city successfully bid to be-come the home of two major computer-industry consortiums, the Semiconductor Manufacturing and Technology Institute, or Sematech, and Microelectronic & Computer Technology Corp., or MCC.

Those projects became the foundation of a technology ter, as San Jose, the biggest have plowed their fortunes city in the Silicon Valley of to start-up ventures here. Northern California, and has

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It also is home to a growing gion to replace Boston as number of software and in-America's No. 2 technology ternet-related firms, many of center. But it still has some way to go: The industry around Boston employs about 300,000 people.

Business leaders bere say

they are not following any grand plan to become the next Silicon Valley. This was kind of an accident, said Cerise Blair, executive director of the Austin Software Council. "There wasn't any deliberate effort. People started coming to MCC to present papers or to work at Dell, and they realized what a nice place this was, and they stayed."

Dell Computer Corp., one of the world's five largest personal-computer makers and perhaps the best-known industry whose growth has technology company here, astonished everyone, includ- had more than \$7 billion in ing the locals. Today, Austin is expanding twice as quickly, as a technology centure as San Joseph Licenses and those than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin in the than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin in the than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin in the than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin in the than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin in the than 37 officer as the locals. Today, Austin is also last year. Its success has created hundreds of "Delining the locals." have plowed their fortunes in-

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Merting of Shareho of FMG MIR SICAV will be held at the registered office, 10A, Boulevard Royal, Luxerobourg, on Tuesday April 21, 1998 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

Management Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1997 Report of the Statutory Auditor for the year ended 31st December, 1997 Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1997

Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year enems of an and appropriation of the earnings.

Discharge to the Directors in respect of the execution of their mar Election of the Directors for a new term of one year.

The present notice and a form of proxy have been sem to all registere shareholders on record at March 26,1998.

In order to attend the meeting, the owners of bearer shares are required (deposit their shares before April 14, 1998 at the Registered Office of the Company where proxy forms are available. The registered shareholders have to inform by mail (letter or proxy form)

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Very briefly:

The United States reaped \$578.7 million Wednesday as it concluded an anctioo of airwave licenses for use in new Internet, telephone and television technology. WNP Communications Inc. topped the bidding, winning 40 licenses for \$186.9 million. NextBand Communications Inc. bid \$134.7. rhillioo for 42 licenses.

Northrop Grumman Corp. will take a pretax charge of \$180 million in the first quarter to cover costs related to its proposed combination with Lockheed Martin Corp. Regulators have raised objections to the takeover.

Delta Air Lines Inc. named an NBC executive, Warren Jenson, as its chief financial officer.

 Advanced Micro Devices Inc.'s chief financial officer, Marvin Burkett, resigned to join an unidentified closely held company, the chipmaker said.

 Northern Telecom Ltd. and United Utilities PLC formed a new company to sell technology that they say can send data down electricity wires more quickly and more cheaply than ever telephone lines,

Bloomberg, Reuters

Chief of Iomega Steps Down

ROY. Utah - Kim Edwards resigned Wednesday as president and chief executive of lomega Corp., raising another hurdle for the struggling maker of computer disk drives.

James Sierk, an Iomega board member, will take over as interim chief executive notil a replacement is found. Iomega did not say why Mr. Edwards, who is 50, had resigned.

Mr. Edwards's departure comes less than two weeks after the once high-flying technology company said it expected a sizable loss in the first quarter amid slowing sales of its highcapacity disk drives. Iomega shares closed dowo 31.25 cents at \$7.0625.

Networks' Programmers Try to Get Along

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The heads of the entertainment divisions at each of the four big American broadcast networks held a private, unpublicized meeting last week to discuss ways to curtail some of the sniping that many think has helped damage the image of network television.

They also aimed to present a unified froot against growing attempts by the cable-televisioo industry to eat into advertising revenue cootrolled by the networks.

The meeting, which participants called the first of its kind among top programmers, was held March 17. It was initiated by Don Ohlmeyer, the president of NBC's West Coast division.

One of the reasons for the meeting, several executives said, was a series of nasty, dispar- for the network business." aging personal comments made during industry panel discussions in New York and Aspen,

ecutives ridiculed one another's judgments and their own network without resorting to negative even questioned one another's competence.

The group included the executives in charge of entertainment at each network: Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment; Leslie Moonves, president of CBS Television; Smart Bloomberg, chairman of ABC Entertainment; David Hill, chairman of Fox Broadcasting, and Peter Roth, president of Fox Entertainment.

The meeting last week was the first time top rogram executives had ever met.

None of the participants would comment officially on the meeting. Bot one participant said: "It was a very, very benign, supportive, embracing meeting. It mostly had to do with ending all the carping and sniping and har-anguing between oetworks that just is oot good

Other executives familiar with the meeting said the oetwork officials had agreed that they

Colorado, in recent weeks. At those talks, ex-should try to emphasize the positive results of comments to the media about the programs of other networks.

Several of the executives familiar with the meeting said the group also agreed that they had to begin to respond in a more unified way to arguments being made by cable channels that cite audience totals for cable oearly matching those of oetwork programs - which cable researchers base on cumulative numbers for more than 200 individual channels.

For the season, the average share of the andience controlled by the four networks is just under 60 percent, while the cable channels

cootrol about 35 percent.

The cable people effectively use one voice to talk about how cable is doing, a senior octwork executive said, "while the networks still take an individual approach, with everyone talking about their own shows."

Microsoft

Rockets Up

On Outlook

REDMOND, Washington-

Microsoft Corp. shares raced

ahead to a record Wednesday

after the software maker said

earnings for this quarter would

beat analysts' estimates eveo as

profit tapered off for the rest of

Microsoft closed up \$3.625 at a record \$88.5625.

Greg Maffei, the chief finan-

cial officer at Microsoft, said

late Tuesday that the company

would earn about 4 cents more a

share than the 44 cents forecast

for the quarter ending next Tuesday. In the year-earlier

quarter, earnings were \$1.04

The optimistic forecast breathed life into technology stocks that had been beateo back

hy warnings that falling person-

al computer prices and slowing

sales would hurt earnings at

Compan Computer Corp., Intel Corp., and others. Investors

eager for good oews ignored

Microsoft's warning that its

profit increase for the quarter

would be the "high-water mark" for 1998.

"It's a herd mentality," said

Rick Berry at Argent Securities.

"The market is oot paying at-tentioo to the fundamentals."

billioo, or 40 cents a share.

Airbus Aims PEC to Sales Push poil-C At Mexican wing Lifts M Jet Market

SANTIAGO — Airbus Industrie, flush from a \$3.5 hillion break through sale of jettimers last week in the sale of jettimers

Airbus hopes to sell 20 of its A320 airliners to Mexicana de Aviacion SA, an Airbus executive

The jets are worth about \$40 million each, and if the European consortium makes the sale it would further erode Boeing Co.'s dominance in Latin America.

Mexicana wants to replace its aging fleet of Boeing 737s and is expected to award the roughly \$800 million contract before the end of

Executives at Boeing and Mexicana could not be reached for com-

Airbus estimates that Latin American airliner sales over the next decade will total \$6.75 billion. Air traffic is expected to grow 4.8' percent a year, compared with 4.5 percent in other regions. ...

'Mexico is a very important market for our strategy in the region. said Rafael Alonso, who heads Latin American sales for Airbus.

The consortium clinched its second-largest order ever last week. when three Latin American carriers agreed to huy 88 jets and took op-tions on another 114 aircraft.

The sales were a breakthrough for Airbus because more than 90 perceot of the commercial jets in service in Latin America were built by, Seattle-based Boeing.

Mr. Alonso said the contracts with LanChile SA, Transportes Aereos Regiocais SA of Brazil and the group of four Central American car-riers called TACA would make it, easier to compete with Boeing in the;

region.
"It's going to be very difficult,
but this will facilitate other deals," he said.

Though Latin America is a far smaller market than Europe or the United States, it offers opportunities because many airlines have not picked a major jet supplier, Mr. Alonso said.

Airbus is made up of Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG of Germany, British Aerospace. PLC and Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain. -

Profit Worries Shake Wall Street

NEW YORK -- Stocks fell Wednesday as concern about corporate profit growth and higher interest rates in the Treasury bond market offset a surge in technology stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average showed a bigging in the continuous for the entire year.

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closed 31.64 points lower at 8.872.80, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended 3.65 points lower at 1,102.00. Declining issues outnumbered advancing ones by an 8-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock

The Dow is having trouble reaching the 9,000-point mark because buyers are unsure that earnings reports for the quarter ending Tuesday will show that recent gains by stocks at 102 22, were justified, said Eleanor Hoag-land, chief portfolio strategist at Tuesday.

AMT Capital Advisers Inc. The Dow is up 12 percent so far this year. more than many investors expected

Stocks also were hurt hy a drop in Treasury bond prices after a report showed a bigger-than-expected jump in home resales. The report is a

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sign of possible inflation, which could spur the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates. Higher rates increase the cost of borrowing and eat into corporate profits.

The price of the benchmark 30year bood closed down 23/32 point at 102 22/32, sending the yield up to 5.93 percent from 5.87 percent

Dollar Slides Against Yen

NEW YORK - The dollar fell

against the yen Wednesday after a report that Japan's government would spend more than expected to revive the economy.

The dollar fell to 128.815 yea in 4 P.M. trading, down from 130.275 year Tuesday. Nikkei Eoglish News reported that the government stimulus package due Thursday would call for 12 trillion yen (\$92 billion) in spending, 20 percent above projections.

The market is wary of a surprise in the stimulus package and intervention by the government," said

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Lee Ferridge, chief currency strategist at Commerzbank in Loo-after the drug company was down-don Further support for the yen came graded to "outperform" from "bury" by an analyst at Salomoo from after a U.S. consultant released a report quoting high-level Japanese Smith Barney Inc. She said the de-Ministry of Finance officials as saying Japan's central bank may in-

tervene to support the yen before the fiscal year ends Tuesday.

The dollar was at 1.8267 Deutsche marks, off from 1.8282 DM, 1.4928 Swiss francs, up from 1.4903 francs. and 6.1225 French francs, off from 6.1268 francs. The pound slipped to \$1.6747 from \$1.6750.

(Bloomberg. Market News)

the company said its results had not been hurt by a price war in the U.S. personal computer business. Bot oot all the oews in the technology sector was good. 3Com fell 11/4 to 351/4 after the computer-networking company reported third-quarter operating results that were

further."

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down 96 percent from a year earlier, Brookline Bancorp rose 61/2 to 16% as the holding company for Brookline Savings Bank cooverted from a mutual holding company to a Nasdaq listed member.

"What we're seeing today is that there could be an inflationary prob-lem in the future," said Robert

McHenry at Hartford Investment

Management Co. "I find it hard to

believe that yields can fall much

Technology stocks bucked the

trend, rising after Microsoft said its

quarterly earnings would exceed ex-

pectations. The Nasdaq composite index closed up 12.18 points at

Dell Computer rose 21/4 to 68 after

"huy" by an analyst at Salomoo Smith Barney Inc. She said the dehas no major drug introductions un-til 2000 or 2001.

WorldCom fell 1/2 to 43 15/16 a day after the European Commission said it had received several complaints from rivals concerned about the company's purchase of MCI Communications.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

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would be Monday in Vienna "as part of efforts to stabilize the oil The icu are worth about and if the Europe Boering Co.'s does market." The group also said it was considering inviting nonmembers to

the meeting. wants to read the found of the country before the Thirteen oil-producing countries in and outside OPEC have announced plans over the past week to cut production by about 1.4 million barrels a day to revive oil prices that have sunk to their lowest in almost a decade. Oil prices rose Wednesday on news of the OPEC meeting, but many analysts remained skeptical

that the reduction would materialize. Prices rose Monday on news of the pledged cntbacks but fell Tues-

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market from falling to the lows again," said Jerry Samuels, man-

aging director of Arb Oil Inc. in late trading on London's international Petroleum Exchange, benchmark Brent crude oil futures for May delivery were at \$14.84, up 31 cents from Tuesday.

But signs that some OPEC producers may differ over the interpretation of the accord's provisions

tept a lid on prices. Indonesia and Iran have said they will cut output from their OPEC quotas but not their actual production. Because these two countries produce markedly below their quotas, their announced "reductions" would bave no effect on crude-oil volumes.

Saudi Arabia has said that producers involved in the accord should make cuts from their current output levels rather than from the official OPEC quotas, for a combined cut of 1.3 million barrels a day from the

Peugeot Posts Heavy 1997 Loss

PARIS - PSA Peugeol Citroen SA disclosed a loss for 1997 on Wednesday after heavy charges. but the carmaker had warned of the announcement in advancement, and

billion francs (\$452 million) that included a one-time charge of 4.4 billion francs, including 1.4 billion francs for canceling hedging con-tracts on the British pound. The company also took provisions to withdraw from a joint venture in

its accounting standards. The company had a net profit of

Peugeot's sales.

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April, VW sources said. An agree-

ment with Vickers PLC, which owns

Rolls-Royce, prevented Mr. Piech

Rolls-Royce under contract, VW

has pledged to respect the Rolls-

Royce image by creating a new and

powerful line of engines tailored to

Vickers PLC, the London-based

defense and engineering group that

is the corporate parent of Rolls-

Royce, in October announced it

would put the Rolls-Royce subsi-

diary up for sale, meaning Britain's

last indigenous camnaker could fall

Royce bid, VW says it will enter the

Even if VW fails in its Rolls-

"rapidly return to profitability." is higher than most people expected Its chairman, Jean-Martin Folz, predicted operating profit would compared with 683 million francs

last year. That outlook sent the company's shares surging. They closed Wednesday at 1,052 francs on the Paris Bourse, up 79, or 8 percent.

Peugeot, Europe's third-largest independent carmaker after Volkswagen AG of Germany and Fiai SpA of Italy, said it would pay an unchanged dividend of 3 francs a share, explaining that its 1997 lnss was 'nonrecurring.'

Some people thought Peugeot

would eliminate the dividend," said Georges Dieng, a car-industry analyst at ABN-AMRO. "People also like the fact that for the first time the company has outlined its

Another analyst, Richard Litch-France accounts for 28 percent of field at Williams de Broe in London, said of the operations forecast for this year. "The 5 billion target

VW: Carmaker Makes Big Plans in Its Bid for Rolls-Royce

financial objectives."

and higher than what I thought op-erating profit would be in 1998." Mr. Folz said the company's

strategy was to combine more Peugeot and Citroen production to cut costs, reduce the number of platforms, tighten control on invesiment and inventories and bolster sales in the French and Ger-

man markets. Mr. Folz, who succeeded Jacques Calvet as chairman in October, reiterated Peugeot's goal of generating one-fourth of its sales outside Western Europe, compared with 16 percent in 1997.

He said the group also was striving for a more balanced sales performance in Western Europe, notably in Germany, where it has just 3.2 percent of the market, compared with 30.2 percent in France

"We don't want to be stuck at the bottom of the charts in certain European countries," he said. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

and 22.1 percent in Spain.

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engines for large aircraft.

 Deutsche Post AG, the state company that runs Germany's 15,000 post offices, plans to buy a 22.5 percent stake in the package express service DHL International Ltd. for an estimated \$500 million as it braces for competition.

 Banca di Roma SpA reported a second-half loss of 195 billion lire (\$108.3 million), reversing profit of 50.6 billion lire a year earlier. The loss, which was smaller than expected, resulted from write-downs of the value of some assets and early-retirement payments to employees.

· LCI Computer Group NV, a Dutch information-technology company, said profit from operations rose 61 percent last year, to 8.5 million guilders (\$4.13 million), largely because of acquisitions in Belgium, but a one-time charge involving a dispute with Motorola Inc. over distribution

rights resulted in a net loss of 446,000 guilders. • The European Commission allowed Britain to grant £200 million (\$335 million) in reimbursable aid to Rolls-Royce PLC to help the company develop new versions of its Trent

· Siemens AG is negotiating with possible partners for Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG to raise the computer unit's market share in North America and Asia, but the company said no agreement was imminent.

 The European Union appealed a trade panel ruling at the World Trade Organization that backed U.S. complaints that Britain and Ireland were violating global agreements by raising tarilfs on some computer equipment.

 Railtrack PLC, the private company that owns Britain's. rail infrastructure, will invest £17 billion in tracks and stations over the next 10 years.

 Boeing Co. signed a four-year contract valued at \$163-million with the Lahav unit of Israel Aircraft Industries to. supply equipment for F-15 fighter jets. Bloomherg, Reuters. AFP

But Shares Surge on Carmaker's Outlook for This Year

its stock surged on its forecast of a leap in operating profit this year. Peugeot posted a net loss of 2.77

India, to stop production of an aging diesel engine and in change

734 million francs in 1996. Sales last year rose 8.1 percent to 186.8 billion francs, as foreign gains made up for a 17.5 percent drop in French car registrations.

The company said it expected to

cars. The addition of the Rolls-Royce marque as well as its sister brand, the Bentley, to VW's line-up would play only a secondary role in the expansion planned by Mr. Piech.

from disclosing further details.

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG. In addition to new British luxury brands alongside its fleet -- which the other known suitor, would only includes the Volkswagen brands, say, "We will tender an offer at the Audi AG's performance cars, Spanish-built SEAT SA models and inappropriate time." A spokesman at expensive Skoda AS cars from the BMW's headquarters in Munich re-Czech Republic - the company To set its bid apart from BMW, also wants to add two new lines of which already supplies engines for heavy trucks.

The new drive for ultra-wealthy customers clashes with the history of a company best known fur the Beetle - the ultimate everyman's car — and other populist vehicles such as the Golf and the Microbus, a 1960s cultural symbol.

Presenting a grim view for the rest of the world's car industry, VW's chief said customers were buying 8 million fewer cars than the world's assembly plants can pro-duce each year. That will lead inevitably to a industry shakeout and consolidation, Mr. Piech said. Analysts predict that the trend will be accompanied by painful rounds of



Ferdinand Piech, VW chairman, during the carmaker's annual conference Wednesday.

While in the '60s the world had independent manufacturers,' Mr. Piech said, "today there are only 19. Over the long term, there will be only 10 to 12 groups competing with

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"As a global company, we see a strengthening of international competition for the best employees,' Mr. Kagermann said, Having no plan 'would noticeably weaken our competitive position," he said.

The plan would allow employees The "virtual" plan can take ef-fect immediately, while a standard to benefit from gains in the company's share price without diluting stock-option plan could take 18 the value of the shares, as is usually months or more to clear regulatory burdles, said Kevin McKay, chief the result of plans that award newly operating office of SAP America.

Under the plan, SAP will determine a fair market value for its shares based on prices over 10 days in May.

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Indonesia Expects New IMF Plan to Focus on Rupiah

By Keith B. Richburg

JAKARTA - Officials said Wednesday that they expected to unveil as early as next week an economic reform package - Indonesia's third in less than five months - that they hope will not only stabilize the volatile currency but also revive the ailing banking sector through restrucings and tackle the thorny problem of massive private-sector debt.

The previous two plans, forced on Indonesia by the International Monenary Fund as the price for a multibillion-dollar bailout, failed to restore investor confidence and resulted in further debilitating plunges for the rupiah. The new plan would make bolstering the currency a primary ob-jective and place somewhat less emphasis on IMF-mandated changes to immediately abolish monopolies run by President Suharto's family members and political cronies.

"I expect it to be done by next week," Fuad Bawazier, the finance minister, said. "This time we are going to the till. I want to understand the ideas of the IMF. But I want also

The first two plans were criticized because they failed to address the pmblem of private debt, estimated at around \$74 billion. The new plan probably will include a mechanism similar to that of the Mexican bailout, officials said, in which companies with dollar-denominated debt can go to a central government facility for foreign currency while foreign banks agree to roll over the debt

for perhaps two or three years. [Ten of Japan's biggest banks agreed to allow Indonesian companies to delay for as long as six months the repayment of the principal on their loans, Bloomberg News reported from Tokyo.

[Under the plan, Bank Indonesia, the central bank, would subsidize the exchange rate for companies with foreign debts, an executive at one of the Japanese banks said. Interest payments would still have to be made. [Japanese banks make up the largest group of creditors to Indone-

sian companies, with more than \$23 billion of loans outstanding.] in reopening talks with the IMF.

to make sure the IMF understands indonesian officials have made it the concerns of Indonesia." clear that they expect their concerns - mainly restoring strength to the rupiah — to be given the highest priority and that longer-term concerns of the internacional community, such as dismantling monopolies, might have to wait.

'Different priorities are now being discussed.'

'If we have a short-term problem, then we want to solve the shortterm problem," Mr. Bawazier said. you assure us everything will be all right once we solve the long-term thing, then I think we will be in a difficult situation.

'It seems to me now they would like in pay attention to these problems equally, rather than just emphasizing the long-term problems."

Since the first two plans were signed, political uncertainty in Indooesia has largely subsided, with Mr. Suharto appointed to a new fiveyear term and a cabinet in place that

appears more nationalistic, more loyal to the president and more will-ing to stand up to international pressure than its predecessor. Western-educated technocrats largely dom-

"We are not an isolated nation," Mr. Bawazier said, "We are not an isolated government. We try to be responsive ro international opinion. But ing a democratic country, we also have to listen to our own people."

The finance minister described the

atmosphere in talks with the IMF as quite friendly" and said the two sides were negotiating on basically an equal footing, "not like a doctor and a patieot." He said the IMF negotiators in Indonesia had been very flexible" in taking into consideradon Jakarra's priorides.

"In the beginning," Miranda Goeltom, managing director of Bank Indonesia, said of the IMF talks, "maybe they had their own point of view about the various points, and we had our point of view. You may say that different priorities

are oow being discussed. Mr. Bawazier and Miss Goeltom said Jakarta had dropped the idea of

setting up a currency board that would peg the rupiah to the dollar and was looking at other ways of helping the currency, including allowing it to float within a restricted band or using limited government intervention, such as manipulating interest rates, to support the new level.

Miss Goelmm called this idea smart managed floating," adding, Whatever exchange-rate manage ment policy we choose, it has to be very credible, it has to be very consistent, and it has in be very powerful in sending a message to the mar-

Both officials separately said any move to belp the rupiah would have to be accompanied by a major restructuring of the banking system to instill confidence in the economy. They said a sweeping banking re-structuring plan would be naveiled when the new IMF package was announced next week.

The rupiah gained Wednesday, with the dollar falling to 8,600 rupiah in New York from 8,750 rupiah Tuesday. It has improved markedly since last week, when the dollar hovered around 10,000 rupiah.



Singapore Exchange Weighs Brokerless On-Line Trading

The Associated Press

stock exchange is considering a world first allowing small investors to trade oo the Internet, bypassing brokerage firms.

Elsewhere, investors who trade on the Internet type in their orders be said. and send them to oo-line brokerage services, which then execute the transactions for a fee.

Singapore's largest newspaper, The Straits Times, quoted anonymous sources Wednesday as saying the system will go into effect by the eod of the year. A stock market spokesman confirmed it was considering the move but added: "Nothing is confirmed."

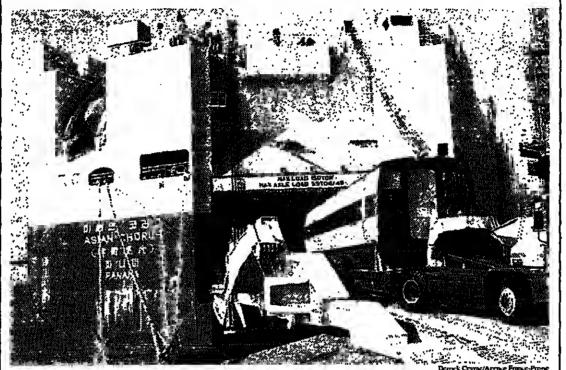
"The exchange's system will also enable investors to subscribe on-line for initial public offering shares and rights issues," the paper said. The Internet trades would be limited to 50,000 Singapore dollars (\$31,100) Internet stock trading was negative.

a day and would have to be executed SINGAPORE - Singapore's immediately at prevailing market rates, the paper reported.

There are soll several issues in be froned out," said Peter Cheah, a spokesman for the stock exchange. The idea is at an exploratory stage,

Brokerage houses were unhappy about the idea, saying it would make Singapore the first stock exchange in the world to compete against its own members. Brokers charge 1 percent commission on small trades under the current system.

Singapore is a high-tech society where the government encourages the use of computers for everything from filing tax returns to meeting B prospective spouse. In general, the use of more technology in share trading is viewed as inevitable and welcome in the figancial community, but the immediate reaction to



ALL ABOARD — A train car being loaded Wednesday in France on a ship to South Korea. where it will be used in a high-speed train linking Seoul to Pusan, being built by GEC-Alsthom.

Very briefly:

 South Korea plans to begin a promotion campaign this week to sell \$3 billion of boods, its first dollar-denominated bond issue. The issues are expected to have interest rates slightly higher than the rates Seoul has agreed to pay on \$24 billion in short-term debt miled over by foreign lenders this year.

 Chrysler International Corp. raised its stake in its Japanese sales subsidiary to 100 percent from 70 percent, buying the stake from its former joint-venture parmer, J. Osawa & Co.

 Japanese home electronics sales, an indicator of consumer spending, fell 9.5 percent in February from a year earlier, to 155.8 billion yen (\$1.2 billion), as sliding bousing starts and worries about jobs and wages hurt sales.

 Goldman, Sachs & Co. bired Walter Mondale, former U.S. vice president and former ambassador to Japan, as its senior Japan adviser.

Low-Cost PCs Power Acer's Profit

TAIPEI --- Acer Inc. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter profit more than doubled and forecast that 1998 earnings would rise 47 percent, reflecting rising sales of personal computers costing less than \$1.000.

Net profit rose to 2.03 billioo Taiwan dollars (\$62.2 million) in the fourth quarter, from 840 million dollars a year earlier. Acer, the world's eighth-largest maker of personal computers, also said it expected profit to rise to 5.5 billioo dollars this year. It fell short of its own forecast in 1997 and 1996.

Taiwanese-made PCs typically cost as much as 15 percent less than those made in the United States, and U.S. companies are increasingly buying from the island's companies.

Hanoi Upholds Power-Plant Deal

The Associated Press HANOI — Prime Minister Phan Van Khai has said that a powerplant project awarded to a consortium led by Sumitomo Corp. of

Japan will go ahead as planned

despite allegations of impropriet-

ies in bidding for the contract. In Tokyo on Wednesday, Sumoccurred in the

contract for the Pha Lai II power warranty service." plant, awarded March 17, was valid and that the government spooded: "We made our bid and

lion project, funded by the Over- were oo irregularities."

seas Ecocomic Cooperation Fund of Japan, surfaced Friday wheo Nhan Dan, the Communist Party daily, published an interview with former President Le Duc Anh.

"The bidding process was oot usual," he said, "and as a result diminished the competitiveness between bidders and the opporitomo denied that irregularities tunity to choose a partner who could offer optimal technology, Mr. Khai said Tuesday that the reasonable prices and the best

The Sumitomo spokesman rewould do oothing to change it. won the contract in accordance Questions about the \$125 mil- with OECF guidelines. There

BOSTON: Route 128's High-Tech Companies Have Faded Away, but There's Still a Fast Lane

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Business School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates. Firefly makes "agent" software that belps people and businesses learn about each other. The have oo plans to move.

Inc., a cable TV software company; Lycos to take risks and reinvent themselves. Inc., an Internet "search eogine" firm, and

Internet," said Ronald Lipof, Ziplink's mainframe compoters - became the pre- DeCastro, who led Data General for 22 great success."

director of strategic alliances and business vailing information technology system of development. Symbolically speaking, Ziplink bridges two eras as well: Its offices in Lowell occupy two floors of what used to be the Wang headquarters tower.
Route 128's former behemoths were

company's chief executive, Nick Grouf, slow to recognize that technology was and his staff, oow 70 strong, log well over changing and were crippled by their coo-100,000 miles (160,000 kilometers) a year servatism, said Edson DeCastro, a founder going back and forth to Silicon Valley but and longtime chief executive of Data Gen-

such Internet service providers as Ziplink, technology that would define Route 128 marketplace was changing fast. which lets people tap into the oetwork for almost two decades. Its "minicomputers" - a hazily defined genre of mafrom portage devices. puters" — a hazily defined genre of ma-"We bridge the wireless world with the chines that were smaller and cheaper than

the 1970s until they were supplanted by personal computers in the 1980s. "Route 128 is a classic example of how

business dominance can breed lethargy, said Mr. DeCastro, who left Digital with a group of co-workers to start Data General in a beauty parlor in Hudson, Massachusetts, in 1969. By comparison with Silicon Valley, Mr. DeCastro said, Route 128 tye oo plans to move.

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Replay Fails Again

FOOTBALL In an acooo replay of votes at the last six National Football League annual meetings, owners voted down an attempt to bring back instant replay Wednesday. The vote was 21 to 9 for replay, two short of the 23 needed.

Replay was in effect from 1986 to 1991, but was dropped in 1992. Each year since, it has been brought up and voted down.

• The New England Patriots declined to match the New York Jets' \$36 million contract offer to the running back Curtis Martin. The Patriots will receive a first-round and third-round pick in return.

• Sean Gilbert, who sat out last season in a dispute with the Washington Redskins, has agreed to a contract with the Carolina Panthers that would make him the NFL's highest-paid defensive lineman.

The six-year, \$40 million deal is contingent on the Panthers' working out a compensation package with the Redskins.

Warne Grabs Record

CRICKET Sachin Tendulkar was not out on 117 at the close of play Wednesday as India reached 290 for four wickets on the first day of the third and final test against Australia in Bangalore. Shane Warne of Anstralia became the most successful spin bowler in test history when he bowled Rahul Dravid. It was Warne's 310th wicket and broke a tie with Lance Gibbs, the former West Indian bowler, on 309.

 Michael Atherton, who has captained England a record 52 times in tests, quit Tuesday, im-mediately after his team lost its last seven wickets for only 26 runs to lose the sixth test against West Indies by an innings and 52 runs. West Indies won the series, 3-1.

Atherton said he would remain with the England squad for the five one-day matches against West Indies and fight for his place as a (Reuters)

French Goalie Falters

SOCCER A third-minute blunder by Lionel Letizi, the Freoch reserve goalkeeper, handed Russia victory in a friendly in Moscow on Wednesday. Letizi, who plays for Metz, replaced Fabien Barthez, who was hurt in training oo Monday. Letizi hesitated oo a back pass, and Sergei Yuran darted in to dispossess him and scored from close range.

It was the first defeat for France since it lost to England last June. It was also France's first away game in 14 months. Russia has not qualified for the World Cup. (Reuters)

Trade Frenzy Grips NHL

ICE HOCKEY National Hockey League teams made a record 19 trades involving 38 players and 14 draft picks on Tuesday, the final day before the league's trading deadline. Last year, there were 18 deals and 35 players at the deadline. In all, 21 of the league's 26 teams

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WORLD ROUNDUP Serena Williams Falls In Battle With Hingis

Next Up: A Semifinal With Venus Williams

The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida — Serena Williams hattled Martina Hingis for two hours before losing in a third-set tiebreaker.

Now it's her sister Venus's turn. Hingis will try to complete a sweep of the sisters Thursday in the semifinals at the Lipton Championships. Hingis, ranked No. 1 in the world, needed some help from a trainer to beat Serena Williams, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), in Tuesday's quarterfinals.

Venus Williams, who watched Hingis defeat her sister, edvanced hy beating Silvia Farina, 6-1, 6-2.

Even in defeat, Serena, 16, served notice that sbe's ready to join Venus, 17, as a challenger to Hingis, also 17.

They have such a different game, said Hingis, who beat Venus in the final of last year's U.S. Open. "They both are dangerous. Venus has a better serve and hits the ball much harder. Serena is more controlled and has a better mind, hut Venus is very confident."

Hingis overcame cramps in both legs, a 5-3 deficit in the third set and two match points to outlast Serena.

Serving to save the match. Hingis appeared exhausted, but she won the game to trail, 5-4. Then she made a dubious request for a trainer, complaining of least trainer, complaining of least trainer. ing of leg cramps, and received three minutes of treatment.

"I think she was very nervous, so she called the trainer to get some time, get some coaching," Serena Williams said. "If you watch her matches, there's a pattern in that. If I was tired, I probably would have called for a trainer, too."
Hingis said her legs hurt, but she also

confessed to gamesmanship.
"Everybody could think that," she said. "I guess there are little games. Everybody's playing games." The strategy worked: Hingis won the

next two games for a 6-5 lead Williams regrouped and held serve to force the tiebreaker, but she lost the last three points, including the final two on

unforced errors - a forehand long and an overhead pulled wide on match point. "I think I tried too hard on a couple of shots," she said.

In men's fourth-round play, No. 2ranked Petr Korda squandered his chance to overtake No. I Pete Sampras in the rankings next week by losing to Tim Henman, 6-4, 6-4. Sampras was eliminated Monday by Wayne Ferreira.

Andre Agassi beat Albert Costa, 7-6

(7-5), 4-6, 6-1, and faces a quarterfinal date Thursday against Jeff Tarango, who noset the sixth-ranked Yevgeni Kafelnikov, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

"Not bad," Agassi said. "I'm still in

Steve Campbell, a 27-year-old journeyman from Detroit, became the first qualifier in Lipton history to reach the men's quarterfinals by beating Ferreira, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 7-5. Third-ranked Marcelo Rios, who would become No. 1 if he wins the tournament, beat Goran Ivanisevic, 6-2, 6-3.

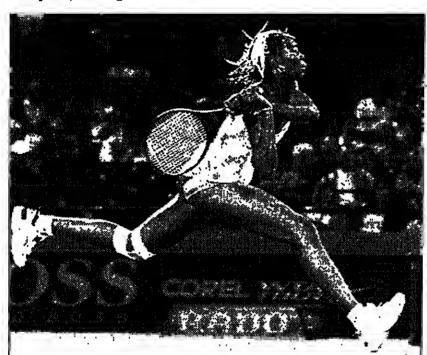
Serena Williams was a giggling, charming youngster after ber earlier matches, hut defeat transformed her into a sullen teen. She bristled when asked about rallying so successfully from the baseline with Hingis.

"A lot of people think that hlack people can't rally, and just think they're athletes and can't think," she said. "As you can see, that's not true. I can rally. Venus can rally.'

With Venus watching from the players' seats, her sister shook off a slow start while Hingis became erratic and frustrated. When Hingis lost her serve to fall behind, 2-1, in the third set, she flung her racket. It skidded 40 feet into the base of the umpire's chair as the crowd of 10,000 jeered.

Hingis then rediscovered the groove in her groundstrokes, and Williams came no ooe point short in the first match between the two teens.

"I was pretty oervous," Hingis said.
"She's going to be a tough opponent in the future."



Venus Williams chasing a volley from Silvia Farina in their quarterfinal.

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ning round a track in Paris on Wednesday in a test of their physical suitability for the World Cup. Sixty-seven referees and linesmen, selected for the competition, were gathered in France for two days of preparation. U.K. Warns the World Cup Ticketless

LONDON — Britain unveiled a £1 millioo campaign on Wednesday aimed at deterring ocketless soccer fans from traveling to France for the World Cup. Jack Straw, the home secretary,

presented two television advertisements, one featuring an English fan and the other a Scot, both in full fan's regalia, who are shown being turned away from a match after trying to get in with a ticket bought on the black market and stamped with the name "Jean Pierre Baptiste."

"The best advice we can give to sup-porters is 'No ticket? Don't travel,' Straw said. "If your name is Joe Bloggs and the name oo the ticket says Josephine Jospin, you won't get in." Questioned further, however, Straw

admitted that tickets sold to British fans would not carry the buyer's name.

Straw also repeated his "anxiety" that huge television screens erected outside the arenas would be "magnets" for hooligans and fans without ockets.

"We cannot stop people from traveling," he said. "We cannot guarantee there will be no trouble. All we can do is continue with the advice.' The British and French police are

sharing intelligence on known hooligans, and British soccer intelligeoce officers who know potential trouble-makers by sight will be present at

More than 20 suspected English hooligans were barred from entering Switzerland for a match in Bern on

Switzerland, the British police said. . Five known soccer "criminals" were sent back from the Geneva airport and 19

other feared trouhlemakers were kept from boarding a flight at the Luton airport after a warning from the authorities that they would not be let in. A spokesman for the National Football Intelligence Unit, which had a number of "spotters" in Bern, said the Swiss police force was exercising its right to bar troublemakers.

Early Wednesday morning, mean-while, the police in Sunderland, England, arrested 29 men on charges they allegedly conspired to cause disorder at soccer grounds across the country over the last three seasons, a police spokes-

Do-or-Die Wizards Stop the Blazers

The Associated Press

playoff chances, the Washington Wizards passed one test, even though Rod Strickland flunked the diplomacy ex-

Strickland was ejected, but the Wizards still bear the Portland Trail Blazers. 99-87, on Tuesday night. It was the first

NBA ROUNDUP

stop on a trip in which the Wizards will also play Seattle, Phoenix and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Juwan Howard score 24 points and Tracy Murray 23 as the Wizards pulled a game ahead of New Jersey and Orlando in the fight for playoff berths in the Eastern Conference.

Strickland drew two technical fouls from the referee, David Jones, for protesting a call with 2:39 left in the third quarter and the Wizards leading, 63-60.

During a timeout, Strickland stayed on the court to argue with Jones, then kept arguing even after the first tech-nical. He still wouldn't leave after Jones threw him out, finally being persuaded to depart by two teammates, Chris Wehber and Harvey Grant.

Strickland called it "one of the worst experiences with a ref I've ever had." "'I didn't say anything crazy to him," Strickland added. "I was just talking. As and Doug Christie was 2-for-11. didn't say anything to disrespect him."

Murray scored five points and

Howard four in a 16-2 run that gave Washington an 89-79 lead with 2:57 to play, and the Wizards outscored Portland, 26-10, in the final 71/2 minutes.

Arvydas Sabonis had 14 points and 15 rebounds, but none of them came in the fourth quarter for the Blazers, losers of three in a row and 3-7 since Damon Stoudamire went down with a sprained right ankle.

Hawks 85, Magic 73 In Atlanta. Steve Smith scored 10 of his 28 points in the last 10 minutes to break open a close game, and Mookie Blaylock had 11 points. 4 steals and 3 assists in 34 minutes after missing three games because of anemia.

After the Magic closed to 73-67 with 4:30 to play, Smith hit a pair of free throws and two 3-pointers in a 12-0 run, giving the Hawks an 85-67 lead with two minutes to play.

Hornets 106, Raptors 89 Glen Rice had 24 points and 7 rebounds, and all five Charlotte starters scored in double figures as the Hornets won in Toronto,

their 14th victory in 15 games.
Toronto's guards shot a combined 20 percent from the field. Dee Brown and Chauncey Billups both shot 3-for-12,

On the first stop of a four-game West-ern trip that could make or hreak their situation a whole lot better because I Karl Malone scored 19 points, Greg Foster had 12 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and John Stockton had It assists for Utah, which moved back into a tie with Seattle for the best record it. the Western Conference.

After leading, 42-35, at halftime, the 🛬 Jazz outscored the Suns by 13-2 in the first 5:22 of the second half, led by Stockton with five points.

Howard Eisley scored six of Utah's last 10 points in the third quarter to propel the Jazz to a 71-50 lead entering the fourth.

Spurs 86, Cavaliers 85 Vinny Del Negro hit a 12-foot baseline jumper with 3.3 seconds to play, to give Sar-Antonio victory in Cleveland.

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David Robinson led the Spurs with 27 ENNIS THE MEN points, 10 rebounds and 8 blocked shots, and Tim Duncan had 18 points and 10

rebounds. Bucks 118, Rockets 106 Ray Allen scored 33 points and Armon Gilliam added a season-high 29 as Milwankee snapped a nine-game losing streak and halted visiting Houston's six-game win-

ning streak. Knicks 88, Warriors 75 Larry Johnson scored 23 points as New York won on the road for the first time in more than a month. Charles Oakley added 12 points for the Knicks.

Flyers Grounded Again by the Devils

defending Eastern Conference champion, but this season the New Jersey Devils have dominated them.

we played them," goalie Martin Brodeur said Tuesday night after the Devils bear the Flyers, 3-2, to just about wrap up their second successive Atlantic Division title. "We didn't do anything different today even though Eric Lindros is not in the lineup.

cussioo suffered in a game March 7.

long domination of their closest com-

Coyotes 4, Maple Leafs 2 In Phoenix, Teppo Numminen, Mike Stapleton and

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Shane Doan scored on consecutive shots less than two minutes apart as the Coyotes beat Torooto.

Curtis Brown each scored a goal to lead Buffalo to victory in Calgary. Hasek made 13 of his 29 saves in the

vor Linden's homecoming with a victory over the Islanders. ry over the Islanders.

Linden, who captained the Canucks

for seven seasons, was playing in Vanconver for the first time since he was traded to the Islanders on Feb. 6 for Mo Bryan McCabe and Todd Bertuzzi.

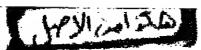
Johnson's wraparound goal capped a flurry of scoring in the third period as OH Los Angeles beat the Sharks.

clinging to the hope of a playoff spot, fought back to tie the score at 3-3 before Johnson's goal sank San Jose.

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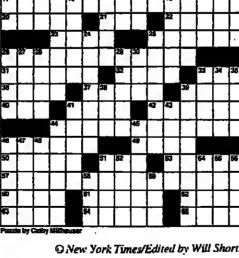
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The Associated Press The Philadelphia Flyers may be the We took it as a challenge every time

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PLAY BALL - Tony Graffanino, an infielder for the Atlanta Braves, signing autographs before a spring training game in Florida against the Detroit Tigers.

Orioles Already in First Place Now, the four players — with a Cuban pitching coach and four other people who fled on the same boat — But in Payroll: \$74.3 Million

By Mark Maske Washington Post Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - The Baltimore Orioles will begin the coming baseball season with the largest player payroll in major league history at just over \$74.3 million, according to figures compiled by the isport's team nwners. Three other major league clobs — the Atlanta Braves, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees — also have

surpassed the \$70 million mark. The Braves will open the 1998 season with a payroll of \$71.6 million, followed by the Red Sox at \$71.3 million and the Yankees — who had the largest payroll last season at just under \$68.3 million — at nearly \$70.6 million.

The Montreal Expos will have the sport's smallest payroll at \$16 million. The Pittsburgh Pirates will have the second-smallest

payroll at \$24.4 million. The payrolls are calculated by the Player Relations Committee, the owners' labor-negotiating arm. The totals include salaries for all players on a team's 40-man roster and benefits. The Orioles will pay \$69.1 million in One of them was Orlando (El Duque)

■ Clear and Present Danger

The National Football League would prefer that the novelist Tom Clancy divest himself of his 24 percent minority interest in the Orinles to comply with league rules to avoid any conflict of interest in his bid to buy the Minnesota Vikings, the Washington Post reported from Florida.

Clancy, who recently made a successful \$205 million bid to buy the Vikings, still must have his purchase approved by a three-fourths majority of NFL owners.

League rules require that an owner not be involved in another pro sports franchise if there is an NFL team in the same city, though it has made exceptions in the past. The NFL Ravens play in Baltimore,

Vantage Point/Thomas Boswell

OR a dozen days this month, four ball players hid in a tunnel near the Cuban coast, waiting for the right moment of good weather to flee into the ocean in a 19-foot boat. Disguised and concealed, their danger of discovery was so great that they dared not even speak to each other.

Washington Post Service

The players were trying to re-take control of their lives. But they needed a good jump and a lucky break. If they bolted into the sea, only to meet storms, they might die. If they were oot spotted by some boat, they might starve. In fact, as they hid, waiting to make their escape, many in Cuha assumed they had already drowned.

Finally, on Friday, Iorge Luis Toca, Angel Lopez, Michael Jova and Jorge Diaz made their dash. After 17 hours, a 53-foot Bahamian fishing boat named 'Justice" discovered the ballplayers.

are being held in the Bahamas in a detenting center behind a chain-link fence. Cuba wants them back, but Fidel Castro might not get them.

In December, the Bahamas let sevsalaries and nearly \$5.2 million in benefits Hernandez, the older brother of the most valuable player in last season's World Series, Livan Hernandez, Now El Duque, a legend in his prime in Cuba, is a New York Yankee — with

\$6.6 million, four-year contract. Cuba has been baseball's Lost Gold Mine for 36 years. When Castro took power in 1959, the vein of rich Cuban ore — glittering players such as Tony Perez, Minnie Minoso, Camilo Pascual, Tony Oliva, Luis Tiant and Mike Cuellar — was closed. For a third of a century, generations of fabulous Cuban players were denied a chance to show their talent - and be rewarded for it - outside the narrow stage of

international amateur baseball. In the past few years, however, the major leagues are finally getting a hitter, is just an aging legend now.

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glimpse of what they've missed four: pitchers who defected from the Ching Olympic pitcher of the '90s, has ban national team in 1995-96 are all already blown out his arm. And the in the majors now, including Livan Hernandez and the promising Ro-lando Arrojo of Tampa Bay.

"There's so much talent in Cuba," said Pat Gillick, general manager of the Baltimore Orioles. "The Dominican Republic has produced 89 major leaguers from a population of 8 millinn. Cuba has 11 million people and

just as strong a passion for baseball.
"Plus, Cuba has all that Russianbased training for their top young athletes," meaning sports academy training. They get better notition and coaching at an early age. Po-tentially, I'd guess there are 100 major league players in Cuba, including the young players you could develop."

TO ONE has done more in the past 30 years to bring Latin American players to the majors than Gillick.

"We could be interested in one or two of those guys," he said, even though none of the players — whn were removed from the Cuban national team last summer because officials suspected they planned to defect — was on the Cuban A team.

"When Cuba leaves a young player behind, sometimes that means you're good. If they don't have a hostage or two in your family, they leave you home to keep you from defecting."

Castro has held several generations of great Cuban players hostage. The price a country pays to a dictator is so large that it's hard to grasp. But if we shrink nur focus to the field of baseball, we can think of the stifled

lives and stunted careers. The big leagues will never get to see Wilfredo Sanchez, who won six Cu-ban batting titles in the '70s. He hit like Rod Carew, but with 20-homer power. Victor Mesa, the hotdogging home run

Omar Ajete, the most overpowergreatest player of recent times in Cuba, Omar Linares, who could probably hit .350 in the majors, is

nearing the end of his prime: "We're still not seeing the top Cuban talent," said Manny Estrada, who played in the minors in the '60s and has been the Orioles' international scouting director for seven years. "If I was allowed to sign one player nut of all of them? Wow. I've watched them for 10 years. It'd probably be Linares. He could play anywhere - second base; third, short.

What a great athlete. "I can remember their players vividly. The big first baseman, the right-hander in the Olympics who threw 95 miles per hour, the leadoff man who plays center field. They're all great players. I have reports on all of them. I can even see their faces.

But I can't remember their names." That is exactly the point. Estrada can recall all the details - and names of players from Mexico to Venezuela. But the Cubans become a

them. That's because they aren't really part of the baseball world.

Only after they get banned from Cuban baseball for life, then risk their lives in open boats on the ocean, do they come back into focus for us. At the moment, it's Oriando Hernandez who has every eye in Florida. The Yanks think he'll be in their rotation this summer or next

· ''When I saw him work nut, he and most of the other Cuban players were out of shape," said the Orioles' assistant general manager, Kevin Malone." Of course, if I were starving and finally got a chance to eat well, I might gain a few pounds, too."

As expansion diluted talent, how far would baseball's standard of play have fallen if farsighted executives such as Gillick had not gone searching for talent outside the United States?

Now, baseball imports players from halfway around the world -Japan, South Korea and Australia, for example. But in the past few years, the game has begun to rediscover its great lost deposit of stars - 90 miles from home.

Someday, perhaps, they won't have to reach the big leagues by setting out to sea.

Minnesota and Penn State Make Final

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The Big Ten conference has no teams in the NCAA Final Four, but Minnesota and Penn State will play in the final

nf the National Invitation Tournament on Thursday. The Gophers -beat the Fresno State, 91-89, in nvertime Tuesday. The Nittany Lions advanced to their first basketball championship game with a 66-60 victory over Georgia.

The Nittany Lions will have a little added pressure. During a late timeout with Penn State ahead, 55-54, the public address system in Madison Square Garden gave the result of the women's NIT final, in which Penn State beat Baylor.

The Penn State contingent crupted into chants of "We are, Penn State!" Although the guys wouldn't admit it, they seemed inspired, nntscoring Georgia, 11-6, in the last 3:42, "Really?" said Calvin Booth, Penn State's center. "I didn't hear that. I guess we have to win now."

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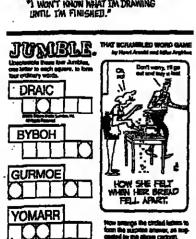
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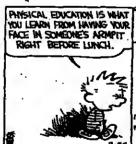
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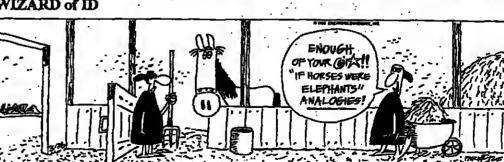






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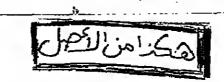


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infamous scandal, I would talk about El Niño - the most important story of the year.

El Niño first 🎆 🎢 came to the Buchwald public's attention when it blew through the Whilewater housing development in Arkansas. This bankrupted a bank outside Little

Rock and half of a law firm. The governor of Arkansas, whose concern was with acts of God, called in several deputy sberiffs, who had dealt with El Niño disasters before.

Famous Horrors To Go on Display

Agence France-Presse L ONDON — Franken-stein's eyeballs and Dracula's fangs are among 500 relics of British horror films bought by a Bradford, England, museum with a lottery grant.

Many of the items were used by Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee in Hammer horror films from the 1950s to 1970s, among them a gruesome mask worn by Lee in the 'Curse of Frankenstein' in 1957 and the fangs he wore to play Dracula in 1958.

The Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford bought the collection with a grant of £95,000 (\$160,000) from proceeds of the national lottery.

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Unfortunately, they met I replied by telling her that alone in a botel, and Paula she was right, and instead of said El Niño was bardly discussed

> Then the governor was elected president, and a special prosecutor was appointed to find out why there was so much warm water in the Pacific Ocean.

> At this point in time, a White House intern, who had majored in freezing weather, told her best friend that she and the president spent all their time talking about El Niño.

> The friend taped everything the intern said, including the reports of a weird storm system over Alaska. She took ber tapes to the special prosecutor, who was

> water El Niño was dumping on Los Angeles. But the prosecutor needed confirmation before he could charge the president with lying about the high tides and

trying to find out how much

Apparently one other woman knew about the pres-ident's role because she had gone to see him about a joh. When she raised the question about the cold masses of air coming into Canada and meeting the warm winds from

El Niño, the president grabbed her and said, "The country salutes you." It was "60 Minutes" finest hour.

The question now is, has El Niño hurt the president? His pollsters say it hasn't. His job is to make sure the weather does no harm to the people. And if he does it right, no one can impeach him.

The Vanishing Western Heritage of Shanghai

By Chris Poynter

C HANGHAI — Tess Johnston is standing on a street Scorner in Shanghai scanning a photocopy of a 1930s map of the city as maroon taxis whiz past, blowing her silver hair in all directions and curling the edges of the crinkled

"I wonder if it's still there," she said, pointing to a small alley across the way, where, according to the map, a cluster of French-style villas was huilt hy foreigners earlier this century. "I bet they've torn il down. I bet they have."

Johnston, a retired American diplomat. has spent the last nine years prowling the city's alleys in search of old Western architecture before it is torn down and replaced with skyscrapers of reflective glass and faux marhle - "trash," she calls them.

Johnston, along with the Chinese photographer Deke Erh, is out to save the Western buildings that remain. She doesn't use pickets and protests - stuff like that is rather discouraged in China - hut relies on paper and pictures. The two have published a series of five books on Western architecture in China called "Lost Empires." Five more are planned or in the works.

As China has opened to the world, wel-coming everything from McDonald's Io Microsoft, the country has exploded with con-struction. In its path, many of the grand old structures — built by foreigners before the Communists took power in 1949 — bave become nothing more than grimy reminders of a time some would rather forget, a time

It has already happened in Hong Kong, where the move to preserve the past came a bil too late. "China is making the same mistakes," Johnston said in her Shanghai apartment, which is filled with so many books, magazines and journals on Chinese culture that they fill the bookshelves and spill onto the sofa and chairs. "What we learn from history is that we don't learn from history.

When husinessmen and missionaries came to China in the 1800s and early 1900s, they brought along their lifestyles, customs, food and architecture. Nowhere is this more evident than in Shanghai, where foreigners of that era lived in different sections of the city, each with its own police force. its own laws and distinct architectural style down to the

lampposts.
When the Communists seized power in 1949, the foreigners fled, leaving behind their fortresses of crowning domes, hand-carved stained-glass windows and sweeping staircases. The Chinese inherited them simply hy moving in

The city is once again bustling with foreign investment and rebuilding itself into a cultural, artistic and business and trade center. Local people like to boast, true or not, that oneeighth of the world's cranes are working in the city day and night Johnston isn't impressed, however, and she certainly doesn't mince words about what she thinks of the new buildings: "Ugly, ugly, ugly. I definitely like the past. It's

She isn't the only who feels a legacy is slipping away. 'It's really a pity what is happening in Shanghai," says



Liu, who is writing his thesis on old architecture, said that while other countries have preservation movements, China

tends to destroy its past to signal a change in government. "It's a tradition," he says. "When Mao Zedong took power he burned most of Beijing except for the Forbidden ity. Many of the old structures were also made of wood. That's why China has 5,000 years of history but few huildings to show for it."

On an unusually sunny and clear winter morning, Liu and Johnston visited several houses that belonged to a British businessman who spent the 1930s importing and exporting everything from opium to clothing. The estate is being turned into a housing complex. Some of the old structures remain, such as a red hrick building that has a plastic Budweiser" awning sticking out of its side.

Johnston paused at one building to marvel at an original stained-glass window. Seconds later, she noticed that the

and dividing single-family homes into honsing for 10, 20 or front door had been replaced by glass with a frosted floral design. "This huilding is very unique, very nice." she says.

"Then they have to put this trash here. Her fascination with China's old architecture began when she arrived here in the early 1980s to work for the U.S. Consulate General. The native of Charlottesville, Virginia had already served in diplomatic posts in Vietnam. Paris and Laos and other places across the globe - tours of duty that tanght her to speak both German and Chinese with a southern drawl that she never lost. "I said, 'Look at all this. I've got to read about it. But there was zero, zip, not a single book about Western architecture in Shanghai."

But she longed to return to Shanghai, and ire 1989 — while other diplomats were warved. 1989 — while other diplomats were wary of coming to China in light of the massacre of demonstrators near Tiananmen Square - she got ber chance.

On her second Shanghai round, she met Erh, a former photographer for a Chinese government magazine, and their project to document Shanghai began. It quickly expanded to include all of China.

Johnston retired from the diplomatic life in 1996 and is spending her last two years in Shanghai finishing what she started.

Her partnership with Eth has been a perfect fit. He grew up in the 1960s during the Cultural Revolution — a turbulent 10 years when religion was prohibited, art was destroyed and schools were closed. His family lived in the French Concession and he spent his days exploring the neighborhood. At 7 he discovered the beauty of the architecture, he says, and his passion to save it was planted.

It's pretty terrible for a society to have a One day, Johnston says, the country will regret that it let some of its heritage vanish as quickly as ice cubes in summer.

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When be's not working with Johnston, Erh travels to other parts of China photographing architecture. He also traverses the globe learning how other countries preserve their historic

huildings, and he plans a series of photo exhibitions later this He hopes to change attitudes, but he'll have to change them fast. As Johnston pointed out, construction companies can destroy buildings about as fast as she and Erh can

All is not lost, though. A few years ago, Shangbai city officials designated about 250 huildings as protected sites. For Johnston, though, the victories will come in the future.

"Maybe people will look at our books one day and say: 'So that's what China looked like. I wonder who Tess Johnston and Deke Erh were."

Chris Poynter is an American journalist living in China.

PEOPLE



Award winner Penelope Fitzgerald.

N a year when seemingly every major AU.S. writer was attempting the great American novel, the National Book Critics Circle gave top honors to a Brit-isb author. In a surprise choice, the Circle gave Penelope Fitzgerald its 21st annual fiction prize. The 81-yearold Fitzgerald, cited for the historical novel "The Blue Flower," became eli-gihle this year when the NBCC voted to allow non-U.S. citizens to compete. Fitzgerald's competition included some of the most acclaimed American fiction 1997: "American Pastoral," by Philip Roth; "Underworld," hy Don DeLillo, and "Cold Mountain," Charles Frazier, which was both an unexpected best-seller and the winner last fall of the National Book Award. Fitzgerald, a critic for decades, was in her 60s before she started publishing fiction. Several of ber books have been nominated for Britain's Booker Prize and "Offshore" won it in 1979. The Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa received the criticism prize for "Making Waves," and James Tobin, author of "Emie Pyle's War: America's Eye-

witness to World War II," won for biography and antobiography. The general nonfiction prize went to Anne Fadiman for "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," and Charles Wright's "Black Zodiac" was the poetry winner.... Charlotte Bacon has been named this year's winner of the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award, given annually for a distinguished first book of fiction, for "A Private State." The award was established by Mary Hemingway, a member of PEN.

Gene Autry, the singing cowboy who brought major league basehall to Anaheim, California. is getting a bronze statue in his honor at his California Angels' stadium. The statue depicts him wearing a bolo tie and cowboy boots and carrying a Stetson - as a husinessman after he retired from making movies. Autry, 90, brought the Angels to the then new stadium in 1966.

British family organizations and a film

industry watchdog have protested British censors' decision to clear Adrian Lyne's film version of Vladimir Nabokov's novel "Lolita" for release nationwide in May. The British Board of Film Classification was accused of glamorizing and normalizing pedophilia, and the family groups say the clearance is a possible violation of the Protection of Children Act. The film, which stars Jeremy Irons and Dominique Swain, tells of a man's obsession with a girl. It is restricted to viewers over 18. The film has not found a distributor in the United States.

A collection of letters, manuscripts and other documents stretching across seven centuries and including items associated with Stan Laurel, George Gershwin, Ernest Hemingway. Napoleon, Thomas Edison and Shirley Temple is going under the auctioneer's barnmer at Sothehy's in London on Tuesday. The collection was compiled hy the filmmaker George Pan Cosmatos, best known for "Rambo: First Blood II." Cosmatos said he began collecting 30 years ago when friends gave him a book signed by the director Frank Capra, hut decided to sell after the death of his wife.

Earl Spencer, brother of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, visited a workshop in Phnom Penh on Wednesday, where some of the country's thousands of land mine victims receive artificial limbs. Diana wanted to visit Cambodia last year as part of her crusade against land mines but was unable to because of security concerns. "I feel

Salman Rushdie is expected in the city of Tromsoe, Norway, this weekend to accept an honorary doctorate. The university will also honor Rushdie's Norwegian-language puhlisher, William Nygaard, who was shot and wounded in Oslo in 1992 after he published Rush-

die's "The Satanic Verses."

I would have performed some unwritten

ohligation to Diana by coming here,

Spencer said.

'Titanic' Music: The Sequel, Already

OS ANGELES — Hollywood L plans to have the Oscar-winning music of "Titanic," including its hit single, "My Heart Will Go On," live on and on, with a sequel alhum and a concert tour.

"I've promised a second album. I've promised to write a 25-minute, 30-minute sort of piece that incorporates the themes, some of the music that wasn't on the first album," said the composer James Homer; who picked up Oscars for best dramatic score and best original song.

And for those who haven't had enough of the film's swelling music. a concert tour featuring the score will be launched around the end of the summer. "I'm going to be doing probably five or six concerts sometime this summer or September, in time for when the videocassette of the movie comes out," Horner said.





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